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Abstract: Grants authority to CASA volunteers to access a child's home and to attend all administrative review hearings and family team meetings related to the case, and provides for the screening of CASA staff members or members of the board of directors.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 424.2) allows CASA to review relevant documents and to interview parties and witnesses involved in the proceeding.

Proposed law retains present law and grants authority to CASA volunteers to access the child's home to evaluate the home for safety concerns.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 424.4) requires CASA volunteers to be notified of all administrative review hearings related to the case.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that CASA volunteers be allowed to attend all family team meetings as well as administrative review hearings related to the case.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 616) allows a court to screen individuals applying to work as a court appointed special advocate for any justified reports of abuse or neglect.

Proposed law retains present law and adds CASA program staff members and board of director members to those individuals who may be screened by a court for any justifiable reports of abuse or neglect.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 424.2, 424.4(B), 616(C), and (616(C) which was amended and reenacted to become Ch.C. Art. 616(D) by Act 348 of the 2017 R.S.))