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Existing law provides that all objections to the proceedings, including objections based on defects in the petition and defenses capable of determination as a matter of law, may be raised by motion to dismiss.

New law provides that upon a finding of grounds to dismiss as provided in existing law, the court shall order that the petition be dismissed.

Prior law provided that the court may, if good cause is shown, dismiss a delinquency petition on its own motion, on the motion of the child, or on motion of the petitioner.

New law deletes prior law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 875 and 876)