

SENATE, No. 1773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires psychological examination when parent loses custody of child and wants to regain custody of child who is in care or custody of grandparent.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 have not had their parental rights terminated, and the child is in the
2 care or custody of a grandparent, to undergo a psychological
3 examination prior to the court changing the custody arrangement, if
4 such change is appropriate.

5 Under current law, parents may lose custody of their children for
6 reasons which include, but are not limited to, being grossly
7 immoral, unfit, or for neglecting the child. Under the bill, if they
8 have not had their parental rights terminated by the court, and the
9 child is in the care or custody of a grandparent, then the parent or
10 parents are required by the court to undergo a psychological
11 examination before the court alters the custody arrangement, if
12 altering the custody arrangement is appropriate.

13 The bill also amends R.S.9:2-10 to direct the court to require a
14 psychological examination of a parent or parents who have lost
15 custody of their child and want to regain custody, but the child is in
16 the care or custody of a grandparent, who has instituted an action
17 for custody pursuant to R.S.9:2-9.