

38-2233. Filing of petition on referral by the department for children and families or other person; filing by individual. (a) Whenever the secretary or any other person refers a case to the county or district attorney for the purpose of filing a petition alleging that a child is a child in need of care, the county or district attorney shall review the facts, recommendations and any other evidence available and determine if the circumstances warrant filing a petition.

(b) Any individual may file a petition alleging a child is a child in need of care and the individual may be represented by the individual's own attorney in the presentation of the case.

(c) When a petition is filed alleging an infant surrendered pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2282, and amendments thereto, is a child in need of care, the petition shall include a request that the court find that reintegration is not a viable alternative. Such petition also shall include a request to terminate the parental rights of the parents of such infant. An expedited hearing shall be granted on any petition filed pursuant to this subsection.

History: L. 2006, ch. 200, § 28; Jan. 1, 2007.