

OVERVIEW

Termination of parental rights can occur at the initial dispositional hearing or subsequent to filing a supplemental petition pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3). Following termination of parental rights, the court may:

- Commit the child to the state under MCL 400.203 (MCI ward) for adoptive planning, supervision, care, and placement, or
- Retain legal authority (Permanent Court Ward) but refer the child to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for care, supervision and adoptive case planning under MCL 400.55(h).

**Termination after
Voluntary Release
of Parental Rights**

The court may also issue an Order Terminating Parental Rights (PCA 318) following a voluntary Release of Child by Parent (PCA 305) based on MCL 710.28 of the Michigan Adoption Code. Parent(s) may release their parental rights only to a private child-placing agency or to DHS, not to the court. DHS only accepts voluntary releases for children who have an active child welfare case. See ADM 0220, Voluntary Release of Parental Rights.

See FOM 722-7, Termination of Parental Rights for additional information.