

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1821 requires any bench trial conducted as a result of the defendant in a trial relating to the termination of parental rights waiving their right to a jury trial to be conducted by a separate court than a court that conducted previous hearings on the matter. The measure specifies that any judge who presides over a hearing where the rules of evidence do not apply shall not preside over a subsequent trial where the rules of evidence do apply.

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