

78A-6-304 Petition filed.

- (1) For purposes of this section, "petition" means a petition to commence proceedings in a juvenile court alleging that a child is:
 - (a) abused;
 - (b) neglected; or
 - (c) dependent.
- (2)
 - (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), any interested person may file a petition.
 - (b) A person described in Subsection (2)(a) shall make a referral with the division before the person files a petition.
- (3) If the child who is the subject of a petition is removed from the child's home by the division, the petition shall be filed on or before the date of the initial shelter hearing described in Section 78A-6-306.
- (4) The petition shall be verified, and contain all of the following:
 - (a) the name, age, and address, if any, of the child upon whose behalf the petition is brought;
 - (b) the names and addresses, if known to the petitioner, of both parents and any guardian of the child;
 - (c) a concise statement of facts, separately stated, to support the conclusion that the child upon whose behalf the petition is being brought is abused, neglected, or dependent; and
 - (d) a statement regarding whether the child is in protective custody, and if so, the date and precise time the child was taken into protective custody.

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