

121 (e) In any action initiated by the state or a political subdivision of the state under Part
 122 6, Delinquency and Criminal Actions, or Part 7, Transfer of Jurisdiction, of this chapter, or
 123 against a minor under Section 78A-6-1101, the parents or legal guardian and the minor shall be
 124 informed that the minor has the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the
 125 proceedings.

126 (i) In cases where [~~a minor is facing a felony level offense~~] ~~§~~→ [petitions] a petition ←~~§~~ or
 126a information
 127 alleging a felony-level offense is filed, the court shall appoint counsel, who shall appear until
 128 counsel is retained on the minor's behalf. The minor may not waive counsel unless the minor
 129 has had a meaningful opportunity to consult with a defense attorney. The court shall make
 130 findings on the record, taking into consideration the minor's unique circumstances and
 131 attributes, that the waiver is knowing and voluntary and the minor understands the
 132 consequences of waiving the right to counsel.

133 (ii) In all other [~~situations~~] cases in which ~~§~~→ a petition is filed ←~~§~~ the right to counsel
 133a may not be waived by a
 134 minor unless there has been a finding on the record, taking into consideration the minor's
 135 unique circumstances and attributes, that the waiver is knowing and voluntary, and the minor
 136 understands the consequences of waiving the right to counsel.

137 (iii) If the minor is found to be indigent, counsel shall be appointed by the court to
 138 represent the minor in all proceedings directly related to the petition or motion filed by the state
 139 or a political subdivision of the state, subject to the provisions of this section.

140 (f) Indigency of a parent, legal guardian, or minor shall be determined in accordance
 141 with the process and procedure defined in Section 77-32-202. The court shall take into account
 142 the income and financial ability of the parent or legal guardian to retain counsel in determining
 143 the indigency of the minor.

144 (g) The cost of appointed counsel for a party found to be indigent, including the cost of
 145 counsel and expense of the first appeal, shall be paid by the county in which the trial court
 146 proceedings are held. Counties may levy and collect taxes for these purposes.

147 (2) Counsel appointed by the court may not provide representation as court-appointed
 148 counsel for a parent or legal guardian in any action initiated by, or in any proceeding to modify
 149 court orders in a proceeding initiated by, a private party.

150 (3) If the county responsible to provide legal counsel for an indigent under Subsection
 151 (1)(g) has arranged by contract to provide services, the court shall appoint the contracting