

# An Act For Strong Families Building Stronger Communities

Significant changes proposed under Bill 22.

Current		Proposed
First Nations not formally told when private guardianship applications made for member children	→	First Nations automatically notified of every application, allowing them to appear
Private guardianship applications allowed under both the <i>Family Law Act</i> and CYFEA	→	All private guardianship applications made under CYFEA, which requires a comprehensive home study and a cultural connection plan
Financial supports for permanency disrupted or cut off when a child's guardian changes	→	Financial supports follow the child, not the guardian, providing uninterrupted financial supports
No guiding principles in CYFEA	→	New principles to support child safety and well-being, and Indigenous involvement
16 Matters To Be Considered that <u>should</u> be considered in all decisions	→	13 matters that <u>must</u> be considered to support child safety and well-being

Other key changes proposed by the legislation:

- Increased emphasis on child safety and well-being as a top priority for courts and caseworkers
- New guiding principles to help make Indigenous involvement a fundamental component of the system
- Strict public reporting requirements, including reporting every death, injury and serious incident within four days
- Mandatory all-party reviews of CYFEA every five years