

An Act For Strong Families Building Stronger Communities

Significant changes that will come into force on February 28, 2019.

Current	As of February 28, 2019
First Nations not formally told when private guardianship applications made for member children	First Nations automatically notified of every application, allowing them to appear in court
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 being made under this 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