- 1. A motion or petition to terminate the parent's rights is heard and granted.
- 2. The order terminating parental rights is appealed in a proper and timely manner.
- 3. The order eliminating reunification as a permanent plan is identified as an issue in the record on appeal of the termination of parental rights.
- b. A party who is a parent shall have the right to appeal the order if no termination of parental rights petition or motion is filed within 180 days of the order.
- c. A party who is a custodian or guardian shall have the right to immediately appeal the order.
- (6) Any order that terminates parental rights or denies a petition or motion to terminate parental rights rights shall be made directly to the Supreme Court."

SECTION 5. G.S. 7A-27(a)(5), as enacted by Section 2 of this act, and Section 4 of this act become effective January 1, 2019, and apply to appeals filed on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of April, 2017.

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