

**CHILD CUSTODY ACT OF 1970 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 91 of 1970**

**722.26e Custody action by third person; notice; powers of court.**

Sec. 6e. (1) A third person filing an action under section 6c shall send notice of the action to each party who has legal custody of the child and to each parent whose parental rights have not been terminated.

(2) In addition to other powers of the court, in an action under section 6c, the court may do any of the following:

(a) Appoint an attorney for a parent.

(b) Order that a necessary and reasonable amount of money be paid to the court for reimbursement of a party's attorney. A party may request an order under this subdivision. The moving party shall allege facts showing that the party is otherwise unable to bear the expense of the action. The court shall require the disclosure of attorney fees or other expenses paid.

(c) The court may award costs and fees as provided in section 2591 of the revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being section 600.2591 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** Add. 1993, Act 259, Imd. Eff. Nov. 29, 1993.

**Compiler's note:** Section 2 of Act No. 259 of the Public Acts of 1993 provided:

“Sections 6c to 6e as added by this amendatory act are remedial in nature and apply retroactively.”