

IN RE CHILD OF AMANDA G.

Submitted on Briefs July 19, 2022
Decided July 26, 2022

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Amanda G. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Montgomery, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i) (2022). Contrary to her contention, the court did not err in finding that the mother, due to delays in reunification for which the mother bore some responsibility, was unable to protect the child from jeopardy due to the risk of developmental regression and emotional harm if the child were removed from the foster home, where the child has resided for two-thirds of the child's life, and placed in the mother's home, where the child would have to adjust to living with the mother's new boyfriend, and that those circumstances were not likely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i); *In re Alexander D.*, 1998 ME 207, ¶¶ 18-19 & n.6, 716 A.2d 222; *In re Dean A.*, 491 A.2d 572, 574 (Me. 1985).

The petition's allegations were also sufficient to satisfy Maine's notice pleading standard and ensure due process, *see* M.R. Civ. P. 8(a); *In re Child of Kenneth S.*, 2022 ME 14, ¶ 23, 269 A.3d 242, and the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212. We lack the authority to review the mother's additional challenge to an interlocutory ruling on her motion for expedited judicial review. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2022).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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