

**232.87 Filing of a child in need of assistance petition — contents of petition.**

1. A formal judicial proceeding to determine whether a child is a child in need of assistance under [this chapter](#) shall be initiated by the filing of a petition alleging a child to be a child in need of assistance.

2. A petition may be filed by the department, juvenile court officer, or county attorney.

3. The department, juvenile court officer, county attorney or judge may authorize the filing of a petition with the clerk of the court by any competent person having knowledge of the circumstances without the payment of a filing fee.

4. The petition shall be submitted in the form specified in [section 232.36](#).

5. The petition shall contain the information specified in [section 232.36](#) and a clear and concise summary of the facts which bring the child within the jurisdiction of the court under [this subchapter](#).

[C79, 81, §232.87]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 83 Acts, ch 186, §10055, 10201; 2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §615](#)

Referred to in [§232.81, 232.82, 232.95, 232.98, 232D.204, 233.2](#)