

**6.6 Amendment to Petition.** A petition may be amended at any time prior to adjudication, provided that the court shall grant the parties such additional time to prepare as may be required to ensure a full and fair hearing. Amendments shall be freely permitted in the interest of justice and the welfare of the child. When the amended petition constitutes or adds additional charges the petition shall be served in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§15-11-39 and 15-11-39.1. Where the child is detained amendments to the petition shall not delay the hearing more than ten (10) days beyond the time originally fixed for the hearing unless a continuance is requested by the child or the child's attorney.