

SENATE BILL NO. 2080 WITH HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Page 1, line 1, replace "3" with "5"

Page 1, line 1, remove "and section"

Page 1, line 2, remove "27-20.3-24"

Page 1, line 3, replace "and adoptive child placement priority" with "; to provide a statement of legislative intent"

Page 1, line 3, after "provide" insert "for"

Page 1, line 3, replace "contingent effective date" with "study"

Page 1, line 13, remove "An adoptive home is suitable if,"

Page 1, remove lines 14 and 15

Page 1, line 16, replace "3" with "5"

Page 1, line 17, after the colon replace the remainder of the bill with:

- "5. An investigation and report is not required in cases in which a stepparent is the petitioner or the individual to be adopted is an adult. The department and human service zone, when required to consent to the adoption, may give consent without making the investigation. If the petitioner is a court-appointed legal guardian or a relative other than a stepparent of the minor, the minor has lived with the petitioner for at least nine months, no allegations of abuse or neglect have been filed against the petitioner or any member of the petitioner's household, and the court is satisfied that the proposed adoptive home is appropriate for the minor, the court may waive the investigation and report required under this section.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - CHILD WELFARE ISSUES. It is the intent of the sixty-eight legislative assembly that the department of health and human services conduct a foster care and adoption child welfare redesign to include reviewing streamlining adoptions by licensed, certified, or approved family foster home for children providers and identifying a fit and willing relative interested in adoption earlier in the process.