

CHAPTER 1029

ADOPTION PETITIONS AND PETITIONERS

S.F. 2252

AN ACT relating to adoption petitions and proceedings including the information required to be included in an adoption petition.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 600.5, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsections:
NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. Any name by which the petitioner is known or has been known.
NEW SUBSECTION. 7B. The existence of any criminal conviction or deferred judgment for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor under a law of any state against the petitioner, and the existence of any founded child abuse report in which the petitioner is named.

Sec. 2. Section 600.8, subsection 7, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

7. Any investigation or report required under this section shall not apply when the person to be adopted is an adult or when the prospective adoption petitioner or adoption petitioner is a stepparent of the person to be adopted. However, in the case of a stepparent adoption, the juvenile court or court, upon the request of an interested person or on its own motion stating the reasons therefor of record, may order an investigation or report pursuant to this section. Additionally, if an adoption petitioner discloses a criminal conviction or deferred judgment for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor or founded child abuse report pursuant to section 600.5, the petitioner shall notify the court of the inclusion of this information in the petition prior to the final adoption hearing, and the court shall make a specific ruling regarding whether to waive any investigation or report required under subsection 1.

Sec. 3. Section 600.8, subsection 12, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

12. Any investigation and report required under subsection 1 ~~of this section~~ may be waived by the juvenile court or court if the adoption petitioner is related within the fourth degree of consanguinity to the person to be adopted. However, if an adoption petitioner discloses a criminal conviction or deferred judgment for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor or founded child abuse report pursuant to section 600.5, the petitioner shall notify the court of the inclusion of this information in the petition prior to the final adoption hearing, and the court shall make a specific ruling regarding whether to waive any investigation or report required under subsection 1.

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