

**House File 2074 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to waiver of the placement investigations and  
2 reports related to the adoption of a minor by a minor's  
3 legal guardian.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 600.8, Code 2022, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. Any investigation or report required  
4 under this section shall not apply when all of the following  
5 criteria are met:

6 a. The person to be adopted is a minor.

7 b. The adoption petitioner was appointed guardian of the  
8 minor pursuant to chapter 232D at least three years prior to  
9 the filing of the adoption petition.

10 c. The adoption petitioner has undergone the background  
11 checks required pursuant to section 232D.307.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides that preplacement and postplacement  
16 investigations and reports generally required as part of the  
17 adoption process do not apply when the person to be adopted is  
18 a minor, the adoption petitioner was appointed guardian of the  
19 minor at least three years prior to the filing of the adoption  
20 petition, and the adoption petitioner has undergone criminal  
21 record checks and checks of the child abuse, dependent adult  
22 abuse, and sex offender registries in the state as required for  
23 all minor guardianships.