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SENATE BILL 652: Prohibit Re-Homing of an Adopted Minor Child

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Judiciary I	Date:	April 28, 2015
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SUMMARY: Senate Bill 652 would prohibit the re-homing of an adopted minor child.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would define "re-homing" as the permanent transfer of physical custody of an adopted minor child by the child's parent, without a court order, to a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, adult sibling, aunt, uncle, first cousin, great-aunt, great-uncle, or great-grandparent. Compensation is not required for re-homing to occur. Re-homing does not include placement of a minor pursuant to other statutes.

Section 2 would amend the prohibition against advertising adoptions to clarify that "other public medium" includes email, the internet, etc.

Section 3 would create a Class F felony for re-homing an adopted minor child. It would be unlawful for an adoptive parent to re-home and adopted minor child or attempt to re-home either by initiating the process themselves or responding to another's solicitation. It would also be unlawful for any person to advertise, solicit, transfer or assist with the re-homing of an adopted minor child in any way. This section would also state that any adopted minor child whose parent has re-homed or attempted to re-home them is a neglected juvenile and the county department of social services shall file a petition as such.

Sections 4 & 5 would make conforming changes to other statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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