



# SENATE BILL 226: Limit Who May Advertise/Adoption Laws.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 226 would limit who can advertise concerning adoption of a minor child.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Article 10 (Prohibited Practices in Connection with Adoption) of Chapter 48 of the General Statutes (Adoptions), no one other than a county department of social services, an adoption facilitator,<sup>1</sup> or an agency licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in this State may advertise in any periodical or newspaper, or by radio, television or other public medium (such as e-mail or the Internet), that that any person or entity will place or accept a child for adoption.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 226 would provide that only the following can advertise concerning the adoption of a minor child:

- A county department of social services.
- A child-placing agency licensed by DHHS.
- An attorney licensed to practice law in this State.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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<sup>1</sup> For this purpose an "adoption facilitator" is defined as "an individual or a nonprofit entity that assists biological parents in locating and evaluating prospective adoptive parents without charge." G.S. 48-1-101(3a).

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