



SENATE BILL 552: Limit Who May Advertise/Adoption Laws.

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 552 would prohibit adoption facilitators from advertising that any person or entity will place or accept a child for adoption.

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 48 of the General Statutes currently limits advertising that any person or entity will place or accept a child for adoption to:

- A county department of social services.
- An adoption facilitator.¹
- An agency licensed to place minors for adoption by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- A person who has been assessed as suitable to be an adoptive parent.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 552 would remove the current authority of adoption facilitators to advertise that any person or entity will place or accept a child for adoption.

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

¹ As used in Chapter 48, 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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