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PROHIBIT CONSIDERING AGE OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

House Bill 4622

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Committee: Civil Law and the Judiciary

Complete to 4-26-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4622 AS INTRODUCED 4-19-01

Currently, the Probate Code specifies certain information that a “preplacement assessment” of a prospective adoptive parent must contain, including, among other things, the age, nationality, race or ethnicity, and any religious preference of the individual being assessed. The bill would amend the code to prohibit child placing agencies from taking age into consideration in making determinations of whether someone were suitable to be the parent of an adoptee. The bill also would prohibit interviews and records (“written or otherwise”) gathered for preplacement assessments from including inquiries or information regarding the age of the individual being assessed, and would strike age from the information currently required in such assessments.

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