

# Legislative Analysis

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## ADOPTION OF INFANT LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD

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**House Bill 4647 as enacted**

**Public Act 118 of 2014**

**Sponsor: Rep. Margaret E. O'Brien**

**House Committee: Families, Children, and Seniors**

**Senate Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services**

**Complete to 7-17-14**

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4647 AS ENACTED

The bill amends Section 56 the Adoption Code and applies to an adoptee less than one year old. The bill specifies that three months after formal placement under Section 51, the court can enter an order of adoption, unless the court determines that circumstances have arisen making that adoption undesirable. Typically under Section 56, the court can enter an order of adoption six months after formal placement.

(The Adoption Code is Chapter X of the Probate Code.)

The amendatory act takes effect October 12, 2014 (180 days after its enactment.)

MCL 710.56

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4647 could increase costs to the state and should have a negligible fiscal impact on local units of government. Over 80% of adoptive placements and finalizations are administered through private child placing agencies, and the rates to the private agencies include incentive levels based on the number of months it takes for the adoption to be finalized. So if more adoptions can be finalized in less than 6 months, then more of the payments to the private child placing agencies will be at the higher incentive payment levels. The payments increase between \$1,000- \$1,500 for each step increase.

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