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House Bill 5743 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Bruce Rendon
House Committee: Families, Children, and Seniors
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Adoption Code to do the following:

- **Delete language under which filing an adoption petition in the county where parental rights were terminated is limited to situations in which the petitioner and adoptee live out of State.**
- **Delete a provision that allows a chief judge to transfer jurisdiction to a court in the county where the petitioner lives or the adoptee is found, if a petition is filed in a different county.**

Except as otherwise provided, the Code requires an adoption petition to be filed with the court of the county in which the petitioner resides, where the adoptee is found, or, if the petitioner and the adoptee reside out of State, where the parent's parental rights were terminated or are pending termination. Under the bill, filing in the county where parental rights were terminated or are pending termination would not be limited to situations in which the petitioner and adoptee reside out of State.

Currently, if an adoption petition is filed in a county other than that in which the petitioner lives or the adoptee is found, the chief judge of the court may, upon motion, enter an order transferring jurisdiction to the court of the county where the petitioner lives or the adoptee is found. The bill would delete that provision.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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