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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1507, L.D. 2010, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Background Checks on Prospective Adoptive Parents"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection (a-1) in the first and 2nd lines by striking out the following: "and prior to placement"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection (a-1) by striking out all of the next to last blocked paragraph (page 2, lines 40 to 44 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following blocked paragraph: 'The court may waive the background check of a prospective adoptive parent if a previous background check was completed under this subsection within a reasonable period of time and the court is satisfied that nothing new that would be included in the background check has transpired since the last background check.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment eliminates the proposed requirement that a prospective adoptive parent complete a background check prior to placement of the adoptee with that person.

This amendment allows the Probate Court to waive a subsequent background check, including the criminal history check based on fingerprinting, if a background check under this subsection on the same person was completed within a reasonable period of time and the Probate Court is satisfied that nothing new that would be included in the background check has transpired since the last check.