

(3) The extent of the responsibilities assumed and the results obtained.

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An act relating to children; requiring that adoptive parents and the adoptive child shall be made parties to certain proceedings related to terminating adoptions; prohibiting a presumption that biological parents should be favored in such proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Sections 259.24, Subdivision 6, and by adding a subdivision; and 259.25, Subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.24, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT.** After a petition has been filed, the consent to the adoption may be withdrawn only upon order of the court after a written findings finding that such the withdrawal is for in the best interest of the child.

In the proceeding, the adoptive parents and the child shall be made parties. When determining the best interest of the child, section 257.025 shall control and there shall be no presumption that favors the biological parents over the adoptive parents. The proceedings shall be conducted so as to preserve the confidentiality of the adoption process.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.25, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **REVOCAION OF AGREEMENT.** Such The placement agreement may be revoked only upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction after written findings that such the revocation is for in the best interest of the child.

In the proceeding, the adoptive parents and the child shall be made parties. When determining the best interest of the child, section 257.025 shall control and there shall be no presumption that favors the biological parents over the adoptive parents. The proceedings shall be conducted so as to preserve the confidentiality of the adoption process.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **ADOPTIVE PARENTS DEFINED.** For the purposes of sections 259.24, subdivision 6, and 259.25, subdivision 2, the term "adoptive parents" shall mean parents who have received a child into their home with the intent to adopt the child.

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