

may enter into an agreement providing for the discontinuance by one district of any of grades kindergarten through 12 or portions of those grades and the instruction in the other district of the pupils in the discontinued grades or portions of grades. This provision shall apply on an experimental basis to the following pairs of school districts: Independent School Districts No. 209 and No. 265, No. 217 and No. 220, No. 243 and No. 245, No. 328 and No. 516, No. 421 and No. 426, No. 440 and No. 444, No. 649 and No. 650, No. 654 and No. 655, No. 782 and No. 783, and No. 893 and No. 896. These experimental pairing agreements shall not extend beyond June 30, ~~1980~~ 1984.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective with respect to each named pair of school districts upon its approval by the school boards of both of the paired districts.

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CHAPTER 11—S.F.No.81

An act relating to adoption; providing that an adopted child may inherit from its natural parent in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.29, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 259.29, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

259.29 **EFFECT OF ADOPTION.** Subdivision 1. Upon adoption, the child shall become the legal child of the persons adopting him, and they shall become his legal parents with all the rights and duties between them of natural parents and legitimate child. By virtue of the adoption he shall inherit from his adoptive parents or their relatives the same as though he were the legitimate child of the parents, and in case of his death intestate the adoptive parents and their relatives shall inherit his estate as if they had been his natural parents and relatives. After a decree of adoption is entered the natural parents of an adopted child shall be relieved of all parental responsibilities for the child, and they shall not exercise or have any rights over the adopted child or his property. The child shall not owe his natural parents or their relatives any legal duty nor shall he inherit from his natural parents or kindred, except as provided in subdivision 1a.

Subd. 1a. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in this section, the adoption of a child by his step-parent shall not in any way change the status of the relationship between the child and his natural parent who is the spouse of the petitioning step-parent.

If a parent dies and a child is subsequently adopted by a step-parent who is the spouse of a surviving parent, any rights of inheritance of the child or the child's issue from or through the deceased parent of the child which exist at the time of the death of that parent shall not be affected by the adoption.

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