

**259.20 POLICY.**

Subdivision 1. **Policy and purpose.** The policy of the state of Minnesota and the purpose of sections 259.20 to 259.65 is to ensure:

- (1) that the best interests of adopted persons are met in the planning and granting of adoptions; and
- (2) that laws and practices governing adoption recognize the diversity of Minnesota's population and the diverse needs of persons affected by adoption.

Subd. 2. **Other applicable law.** (a) Portions of chapters 245A, 245C, 257, 260, and 317A may also affect the adoption of a particular child.

(b) Provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, United States Code, title 25, chapter 21, sections 1901-1923, may also apply in the adoption of an Indian child, and may preempt specific provisions of this chapter.

(c) Consistent with section 245C.33 and Public Law 109-248, a completed background study is required before the approval of any foster or adoptive placement in a related or an unrelated home.

**History:** 1994 c 631 s 7,31; 1997 c 177 s 4; 2003 c 15 art 1 s 33; 2007 c 147 art 3 s 24; 2008 c 361 art 6 s 1; 2012 c 216 art 6 s 13