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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to adoption; amending s.
63.042, F.S.; defining the standard for
selecting an adoptive parent; requiring
individual assessment of prospective adoptive
parents of a minor; eliminating the ban on
adoption by a person who is a homosexual;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 63.042, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

63.042 Who may be adopted; who may adopt.--

(3) The standard for selecting an adoptive parent
shall be the best interest of the person to be adopted. A
prospective adoptive parent of a minor must undergo an
individual assessment of his or her capacity to understand and
meet the needs of the particular child. No person eligible to
adopt under this statute may adopt if that person is a
homosexual.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Defines the standard for selecting an adoptive parent.
Requires individual assessment of prospective adoptive
parents of a minor child. Eliminates the ban on adoption
by a person who is a homosexual.