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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to adoption; amending s.
63.042, F.S.; providing the standard for
selecting an adoptive parent; requiring an
individual assessment of the 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. If the prospective adoptive parent of a minor is a homosexual, the individual assessment shall be conducted by a family court judge who shall determine the qualifications of the prospective parent to provide the environment needed for adoption. 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.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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