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17 | copy of the preliminary home study of the prospective adoptive
18 | parents and any other evidence of the suitability of the
19 | placement. The preliminary home study must be maintained with
20 | strictest confidentiality within the dependency court file and
21 | the department's file. A preliminary home study must be provided
22 | to the court in all cases in which an adoption entity has
23 | intervened pursuant to this section. The exemption in s.
24 | 63.092(3) from the home study for a stepparent or relative does
25 | not apply if a minor is under the supervision of the department
26 | or is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the dependency
27 | court as a result of the filing of a shelter petition,
28 | dependency petition, or termination of parental rights petition
29 | under chapter 39. Unless the court has concerns regarding the
30 | qualifications of the home study provider, or concerns that the
31 | home study may not be adequate to determine the best interests
32 | of the child, the home study provided by the adoption entity
33 | shall be deemed to be sufficient and no additional home study
34 | needs to be performed by the department.

35 | Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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38 | **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

39 | Remove line 15 and insert:

40 | amending s. 63.082, F.S.; providing applicability of a
41 | provision relating to a home study of a stepparent or

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42 | relative required under certain circumstances; providing an
43 | effective date.