

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1228

Short Title: Foster/Adoptive Parents/Age.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Shubert.

Referred to: Children, Youth and Families.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF AGE AS THE SOLE FACTOR IN
3 DETERMINING WHETHER AN ADOPTIVE PARENT OR FOSTER PARENT
4 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADOPT OR PROVIDE FOSTER CARE FOR A
5 MINOR.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 48-2-604 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(d) In determining whether a petitioner is a suitable adoptive parent under G.S.
9 48-2-603(a)(8), the court shall not find the petitioner unsuitable to adopt a minor based
10 solely on the age of the petitioner."

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 131D-10.6(1) reads as rewritten:

12 "(1) Investigate applicants for licensure to determine whether they are in
13 compliance with licensing rules adopted by the Commission and the
14 provisions of this Article. In determining whether an applicant shall be
15 licensed to provide foster care in accordance with rules adopted by the
16 Commission, the Department shall not deny licensure based solely on
17 the age of the applicant."

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.