

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH50118-LU-39 (2/24)

Short Title: Adoption/Crim. Checks/Prospective Families. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Glazier.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ANY
INDIVIDUAL EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO RESIDES IN
THE HOUSEHOLD OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 48-3-309(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Department shall ensure that the criminal histories of all prospective adoptive parents seeking to adopt a minor who is in the custody or placement responsibility of a county department of social services and the criminal histories of all individuals 18 years of age or older who reside in the prospective adoptive home are checked prior to placement and, based on the criminal history, a determination is made as to the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children. The Department shall ensure that all ~~prospective adoptive parents seeking to adopt a minor who is in the custody or placement responsibility of a county department of social services~~ individuals required to be checked are checked prior to placement for county, state, and federal criminal histories."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.