

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1358

Short Title: Amend Report Req./Stepparent Adoptions. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity.

April 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENT ALLOWING THE COURT TO ORDER A  
REPORT IN STEPPARENT ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LAWS  
PERTAINING TO ADOPTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 48-2-501(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) As an exception to this section, in any stepparent adoption under Article 4 of this Chapter in which the minor has lived with the stepparent for at least the two consecutive years immediately preceding the filing of the petition, the court ~~may order a report, but it is not required to~~ may not order a report unless the minor's consent is to be waived, the minor has revoked a consent, or both of the minor's parents are dead."

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

