

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 451

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

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Barnhart, Weiss (Primary Sponsors); Fisher, Gillespie, Insko, LaRoque, Luebke, McGee, Moore, and Pate.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

March 3, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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