

SENATE BILL NO. 21—SENATOR O'DONNELL

PREFILED JANUARY 11, 2001

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing adoption of child of minor parent.
(BDR 11-151)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~(omitted material)~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to children; establishing a preference for the adoption of a child of a minor parent by relatives of the child; providing that a minor parent may consent to a specific adoption; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 127 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

In determining the placement of a child of a minor parent for adoption or permanent free care, a child-placing agency shall give preference in the placement of the child to any person related within the third degree of consanguinity to the child who is suitable and able to provide proper care and guidance for the child.

Sec. 2. NRS 127.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

127.080 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 127.070, 127.2815 and 127.282, a written consent to a specific adoption pursuant to this chapter cannot be revoked or nullified.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 127.070, a relinquishment for adoption pursuant to this chapter cannot be revoked or nullified.

3. A minor parent may execute a relinquishment for adoption and cannot revoke it upon coming of age.

4. A minor parent may execute a written consent to a specific adoption and cannot revoke it upon coming of age.

Sec. 3. NRS 127.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

127.220 As used in NRS 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:

1 1. "Arrange the placement of a child" means to make preparations for
2 or bring about any agreement or understanding concerning the adoption of
3 a child.

4 2. "Child-placing agency" means the division or a nonprofit
5 corporation organized pursuant to chapter 82 of NRS, and licensed by the
6 division to place children for adoption or permanent free care.

7 3. "Person" includes a hospital.

8 4. "Recommend the placement of a child" means to suggest to a
9 licensed child-placing agency that a prospective adoptive parent be allowed
10 to adopt a specific child, born or in utero.

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