



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5055**

LCO No. 335



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY RELATIVE CAREGIVERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapters 803 and 815t of the general statutes be amended to  
2 provide that in any proceeding involving the potential adoption of a  
3 minor child by a prospective adoptive parent who is a relative of the  
4 child, the Department of Children and Families may not present  
5 evidence of abuse, neglect or drug use, which is alleged to have been  
6 committed by such prospective adoptive more than ten years prior to  
7 the date of the proceeding, except evidence of sexual abuse alleged to  
8 have been committed by such prospective adoptive parent more than  
9 ten years prior to the date proceeding, may be presented by the  
10 department.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To promote the adoption of children by relative caregivers.