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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 314 (Formerly HSB 41)

Committee: Judiciary Floor Manager: Rep. Lohse Date: May 21, 2025

Staff: Amanda Wille (1-5230)

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Adoption- Home Study Waiver

• Allows the court to waive a home study requirement in some adoption cases.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1- Adoption- Placement Investigations and Reports (600.8)

The court may waive a preplacement investigation if the standards in section two of the bill are met.

Section 2- Adoption- Placement Investigations and Reports (600.8)

The court may waive a home investigation or report if the following standards are met:

- The person applying for the adoption is the current legal guardian for the person being adopted.
- The person applying for the adoption has been the legal guardian for 36 consecutive months immediately preceding the date the adoption petition is filed.
- The adopt petitioner has complied with the duties and responsibilities of a guardian (232D.402) for the 36 months preceding the date the adoption petition is filed.

Amendment Analysis