General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 47

February Session, 2014

SB00047HS 033114

AN ACT CONCERNING SECOND PARENT ADOPTION.

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

Section 1. Section 45a-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 45a-727, in the case of a child sought to be adopted by a stepparent, <u>or a person who shares parental responsibility with the parent of such child pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 45a-724,</u> the **[**Court of**]** Probate <u>Court</u> may waive all requirements of notice to the Commissioner of Children and Families and shall waive, unless good cause is shown for an investigation and report, all requirements for investigation and report by the Commissioner of Children and Families or by a child-placing agency. Upon receipt of the application and agreement, the **[**Court of**]** Probate <u>Court</u> may set a day for a hearing upon the agreement and shall give reasonable notice of the hearing to the parties to the agreement and to the child, if over twelve years of age.

(b) At the hearing the court may deny the application, enter a final decree approving the adoption if it is satisfied that the adoption is in the best interests of the child, or, for good cause shown, order an investigation by the Commissioner of Children and Families or a child-

20 placing agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2014*	45a-733

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HS *Joint Favorable*