

[(ii)]2. the search rights of adoptees and parents under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle and the search rights of adoptees, siblings, and parents under Subtitle 4B of this title; and

[(iii)]3. the right to file a disclosure veto under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle;

[(5)](V) except as to an adoption by a spouse of the prospective adoptee's parent or a relative of the prospective adoptee, states that the parent has been advised of the parent's rights to:

[(i)] 1. have independent counsel; and

[(ii)]2. receive adoption counseling and guidance;

[(6)](VI) states whether the parent chose to have or not have counsel or counseling; and

[(7)](VII) is accompanied by an affidavit of counsel appointed under § 5-3B-06 of this subtitle stating that a parent who is a minor or has a disability gives consent knowingly and voluntarily.

COMMITTEE NOTE: FL § 5-3B-20(a) is renumbered as FL § 5-3B-21(a) to reflect the addition of proposed FL § 5-3B-19 and of new subsection (a)(1), to parallel waiver provisions in current FL §§ 5-321(a)(1), 5-339(a)(1)(ii), and 5-3A-19(a)(1).

Defined terms: "Include" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-3B-01

5-3B-22.

(b) (3) In [ruling] DETERMINING WHETHER IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE TO TERMINATE A PARENT'S RIGHTS under this subsection, a court shall [give]:

(I) GIVE primary consideration to the health and safety of the prospective adoptee [in determining the prospective adoptee's best interests]; AND

(II) CONSIDER THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 5-3B-16 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (b)(3) of this section is amended to add the requirement for consideration of a report.

Defined terms: "Parent" § 5-3B-01

"Prospective adoptee" § 5-3B-01

5-3B-25.

(C) ADOPTION OF AN ADULT HAS THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS ADOPTION OF A MINOR.