

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.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (b) of this section is derived without substantive change from former FL § 5-308(c).

As to "adult" and "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

5-3B-30. ACCESS FOR ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(A) ALLOWED.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD OF AN ADOPTED MINOR MAY NOT BE DENIED TO A PARENT OF THE MINOR BECAUSE THE PARENT IS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(B) LIMIT ON IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE RECORD THAT HAS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AS TO A FORMER PARENT OF THE MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-329.1.

In subsection (b) of this section, the word "natural", which formerly modified the reference to the former parent, is deleted to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological i.e., adoptive parent can be terminated in