

revised to include "color" and "national origin" but omit "where to do so would be contrary to the best interests of the child", to conform to the federal law.

In subsection (b) of this section, the defined term "local department" is substituted for the former reference to "the executive head of the child placement agency" for brevity.

Defined terms: "Adoptive parent" § 5-101

"Child" § 5-301

"Juvenile court" § 1-101

"Local department" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-301

5-339. CONSENT.

(A) CONTENTS AND ATTACHMENTS.

(1) CONSENT OF A PARENT TO AN ADOPTION UNDER THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY INCLUDE:

(I) A PROVISION BARRING A PETITIONER FROM LEARNING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARENT; AND

(II) A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) CONSENT TO ADOPTION ENTERED INTO BEFORE A JUDGE ON THE RECORD SHALL INCLUDE A WAIVER OF THE REVOCATION PERIOD.

(3) CONSENT OF A PARTY TO AN ADOPTION UNDER THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT VALID UNLESS:

(I) THE CONSENT IS GIVEN IN A LANGUAGE THAT THE PARTY UNDERSTANDS;

(II) IF GIVEN IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THE CONSENT:

1. IS GIVEN BEFORE A JUDGE ON THE RECORD; OR

2. IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE AFFIDAVIT OF A TRANSLATOR STATING THAT THE TRANSLATION OF THE DOCUMENT OF CONSENT IS ACCURATE;

(III) THE CONSENT NAMES THE CHILD;

(IV) THE CONSENT CONTAINS ENOUGH INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT;

(V) THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE OR ON THE RECORD NOTICE OF: