

The third sentence of former Article 16, § 86, which provided that the provisions of this subtitle are severable, is deleted as unnecessary in light of Article 1, § 23 of the Code.

5-303. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT CONCERN ADOPTION ARE SOCIALLY NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE.

(B) PURPOSES OF SUBTITLE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO PROTECT:

(1) CHILDREN FROM:

(I) UNNECESSARY SEPARATION FROM THEIR NATURAL PARENTS; AND

(II) ADOPTION BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNFIT FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY;

(2) NATURAL PARENTS FROM A HURRIED OR ILL-CONSIDERED DECISION TO GIVE UP A CHILD; AND

(3) ADOPTIVE PARENTS:

(I) BY PROVIDING THEM INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S BACKGROUND; AND

(II) FROM A FUTURE DISTURBANCE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILD BY A NATURAL PARENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Article 16, § 67(a).

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the term "adoptive", which formerly modified "child", is deleted as an incorrect usage.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, "adoptive" is substituted for "adopting", as "adoptive" is the appropriate modifier of "parents" in the context of persons protected by this subtitle.

In subsection (b)(3)(ii) of this section, "future" is substituted for "subsequent", for clarity.

The General Assembly may wish to consider substituting "biological parents" for "natural parents" in this