

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## MADAM PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 422, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 2 Page 2, delete lines 1 through 10.
- 3 Page 5, line 30, delete "shall maintain a".
- 4 Page 5, delete lines 31 through 38.
- 5 Page 5, line 39, delete "shall" and insert "**may, after entry of the**
- 6 **adoption decree,**".
- 7 Page 5, line 39, delete "all" and insert "**an**".
- 8 Page 5, line 39, delete "records" and insert "**record**".
- 9 Page 6, line 9, delete "or previous adoptive".
- 10 Page 6, line 9, delete ":".
- 11 Page 6, reset in roman line 10.
- 12 Page 6, line 11, delete "biological or previous adoptive parents are".
- 13 Page 6, line 12, after "child" insert ";".
- 14 Page 6, line 12, after "child" reset in roman "and".
- 15 Page 6, line 12, delete "except as".
- 16 Page 6, delete line 13.
- 17 Page 6, line 14, delete "biological or previous adoptive parents are".
- 18 Page 6, line 15, delete "and".
- 19 Page 6, delete lines 16 through 17.
- 20 Page 6, line 19, delete "A support obligation owed by a biological
- 21 or previous" and insert "**The obligation to support the adopted**

1 **person continues until the entry of the adoption decree. The entry**  
 2 **of the adoption decree does not extinguish the obligation to pay**  
 3 **past due child support owed to the adopted person before the entry**  
 4 **of the adoption decree."**

5 Page 6, delete lines 20 through 21, begin a new paragraph and insert:

6 "SECTION 9. IC 31-19-15-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) If the adoptive  
 8 parent of a child is married to a biological parent of the child, the  
 9 parent-child relationship of the biological parent is not affected by the  
 10 adoption.

11 **(b) If the adoptive parent of a child is married to a previous**  
 12 **adoptive parent, the parent-child relationship of the previous**  
 13 **adoptive parent is not affected by the adoption.**

14 ~~(b)~~ (c) After the adoption, the adoptive father or mother, or both:

15 (1) occupy the same position toward the child that the adoptive  
 16 father or the adoptive mother, or both, would occupy if the  
 17 adoptive father or adoptive mother, or both, were the biological  
 18 father or mother; and

19 (2) are jointly and severally liable for the maintenance and  
 20 education of the person."

21 Page 8, delete lines 28 through 31.

22 Page 10, delete lines 13 through 42.

23 Page 11, delete lines 1 through 8.

24 Page 11, line 10, delete "and IC 35-46-1-9.6 and IC 35-46-1-9.7,  
 25 both".

- 1 Page 11, line 11, delete "as added by this act, apply" and insert
- 2 **"applies"**.
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to SB 422 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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**Chairperson**