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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a preference to certain persons in an adoption
2 proceeding for the placement of a child.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 600.7B PREFERENCE IN PLACEMENT
2 OF CHILD -- FAMILY MEMBER.

3 Unless the juvenile court or court determines that such
4 placement is not in the best interests of the child, the
5 overriding criterion in the placement of a child for adoption
6 shall be placing the child with a relative of the child. For
7 the purposes of this section, "relative" means a stepparent or
8 a relative of the child within the fourth degree of
9 consanguinity.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that, unless a court determines that
12 such a placement is not in the best interests of the child,
13 the overriding criterion in the placement of a child for
14 adoption shall be placing the child with a relative of the
15 child. For the purposes of the bill, "relative" means a
16 stepparent or a relative of the child within the fourth degree
17 of consanguinity. This definition of "relative" is the same
18 as that used for assumption of custody of a minor child by
19 acceptance of a release of custody under the termination of
20 parental rights chapter.

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