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This bill permits the guardian of an adult person to adopt that person. The adoption would require court approval.

Notice of the petition for adoption must be provided to a legally-defined set of interested persons, and to the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities. Interested persons must be permitted to participate in the adoption hearing or submit affidavits in support or opposition to the adoption.

The court would be required to consider the relationship of the petitioner and the person to be adopted, the reasons for the proposed adoption, and any testimony and affidavits submitted by interested persons in determining whether to grant the petition.

The bill is effective the day following final enactment.