

Subject Child permanency relative placements

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Summary

This bill modifies Minnesota Statutes, section 260C.001, by specifying that placement with a relative through adoption or a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody is preferable for children for whom reunification with their parents is not reasonably foreseeable.

The bill also modifies section 260C.513, governing permanency dispositions when a child cannot return home. Currently, the statute specifies that termination of parental rights and adoption or consent to adoption are the preferred permanency options. The bill removes that preference language and specifies that preference should be given to a permanency option that results in the child being placed with a relative through adoption or a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody, consistent with the best interests of the child.