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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 17-1304

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Singer and Ransom,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Smallwood and Kefalas,

House Committees

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD UNDER THE**
102 **JURISDICTION OF A COURT IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT PRESENT**
103 **IN COLORADO.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, for a child to be adopted, the child must be present in the state at the time that the petition for adoption is filed. Under the bill, the child need not be present in the state if the child has been under the jurisdiction of a court in Colorado for at least 6 months.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-5-201 as
3 follows:

4 **19-5-201. Who may be adopted.** Any child LEGALLY AVAILABLE
5 FOR ADOPTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 19-5-203, under eighteen years
6 of age, AND EITHER present in the state at the time the petition for
7 adoption is filed ~~and legally available for adoption as provided in section~~
8 ~~19-5-203~~ OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COURT IN COLORADO FOR AT
9 LEAST SIX MONTHS may be adopted. Upon approval of the court, a person
10 eighteen years of age or older and under twenty-one years of age may be
11 adopted as a child, and all provisions of this part 2 referring to the
12 adoption of a child shall apply to such a person.

13 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
14 July 1, 2017, and applies to petitions filed on or after said date.

15 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.