

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 454
HOUSE BILL 651

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ADOPTION STATUTES AND RELATED LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 48-1(2) is amended by deleting the word "foster" and substituting the word "adoptive".

Sec. 2. G.S. 48-7(a) is amended by deleting the reference "7A-288" and substituting the reference "Article 24B of Chapter 7A".

Sec. 3. G.S. 48-9(a)(3) is amended by deleting the reference "G.S. 7A-288" and substituting the reference "G.S. 7A- 289.31".

Sec. 4. G.S. 48-9.1(2) is amended by deleting the reference "G.S. 7A-286(2)c." wherever it appears and substituting the reference "Article 52 of Chapter 7A".

Sec. 5. G.S. 48-16 is amended in the caption and in subsection (a) by deleting the word "foster" and substituting the word "adoptive".

Sec. 6. Chapter 48 of the General Statutes is amended by deleting the phrases "natural parent" and "natural parents" wherever they appear and substituting the phrases "biological parent" and "biological parents" respectively.

Sec. 7. Chapter 48 of the General Statutes is amended by deleting the phrase "unadoptable children" wherever it appears and substituting the words "children with special needs".

Sec. 8. G.S. 110-57.1 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read: "It is the intent of the General Assembly that Chapter 48 of the General Statutes shall govern the adoption of children within the boundaries of North Carolina."

Sec. 9. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of June, 1983.