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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHWEYER, SOLOMON AND THOMAS, JULY 24, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 24, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to  
3 adopt, further providing for petition for involuntary  
4 termination.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2512(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2512. Petition for involuntary termination.

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11 (b) Contents.--The following shall apply:

12 (1) The petition shall set forth specifically those  
13 grounds and facts alleged as the basis for terminating  
14 parental rights. The petition filed under this section shall  
15 also contain an averment that the petitioner will assume  
16 custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted.

17 [If the petitioner is an agency it]

18 (2) It shall not be required to aver that an adoption is

1 presently contemplated nor that a person with a present  
2 intention to adopt exists[.] if any of the following apply:

3 (i) The petitioner is an agency.

4 (ii) The child was conceived as a result of rape or  
5 incest.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.