

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1260

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLY (24).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 453, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to consent for adoption.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 453, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 453.045, to read as follows:

**453.045. A man whose consent to adoption is not required under section 453.030 or 453.040 waives his rights to intervene in an action for termination of parental rights or in an action for adoption, or to file a paternity action for a child after a petition for either adoption or termination of parental rights has been filed with the court, unless he can establish that he has previously developed a consistent and substantial relationship with the child, including but not limited to by providing, unless actively thwarted from doing so by the mother of the child:**

- (1) Consistent prenatal financial support; and**
- (2) Consistent payment of prenatal and natal medical care for the mother and baby; and**
- (3) Consistent child support payments commensurate with his ability to pay; and**
- (4) Consistent contact and visitation with the child; and**
- (5) Assistance with educational and medical care of the child.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.