

HB 1260 -- Consent for Adoption

Sponsor: Kelly (24)

This bill specifies that a man whose consent to adoption is not required under Sections 453.030 or 453.040, RSMo, waives his right to intervene in an action for termination of parental rights or for adoption or to file a paternity action for a child after a petition for adoption or termination of parental rights has been filed unless he can establish that he has previously developed a consistent and substantial relationship with the child, including by providing, unless actively thwarted from doing so by the mother of the child:

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