

SB 6635 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to ensure that children whose parents are unable to provide for their care are placed with safe and stable families through the process of adoption.

Declares an intent that adoptions be handled efficiently and equitably with the rights of all parties protected. Under no circumstances shall adoptions be delayed, denied, or given preferential treatment based upon the race of the child or prospective adoptive parents. Nor shall any adoption-related fees be based upon the race or physical characteristics of the child, nor of the ability of the prospective adoptive parents to pay the adoption-related fees.

Intends to eliminate any artificial barriers to adoption, such as fees exceeding the actual cost of the adoption-related services provided.

Declares an intent to establish a fund to assist prospective adoptive parents in meeting the actual costs of adopting a child.