
SENATE BILL 6743

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By Senators Stevens, Carrell and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to children born from embryos transferred during
2 assisted reproduction; and adding a new section to chapter 26.26 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.26 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A child born to a woman as the result of the implantation of an
7 embryo, which was donated by the genetic parents, or any person or
8 entity with the legal authority to transfer such embryo, is presumed to
9 be the adopted child of the woman and, if married, of her husband. All
10 legal authority to transfer the embryo, and the parental rights of the
11 embryo donor, shall be irrevocably terminated in accordance with the
12 terms of a written instrument executed prior to the implantation or the
13 thawing and implantation of the embryo. A child born as the result of
14 such an embryo implantation shall be afforded all of the legal rights
15 and protection of any child adopted under the laws of this state.

16 Upon application to a court of competent jurisdiction, the parent
17 or parents of such a child shall be entitled to, but not required to
18 obtain, a decree confirming the parent-child relationship. This

1 section shall not apply to a child born to a surrogate mother who is
2 not genetically related to the child and who executes an appropriate
3 agreement not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

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