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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 505/35.2	from Ch.	23,	par.	5035.2
705 ILCS 405/1-2	from Ch.	37,	par.	801-2
750 ILCS 50/1	from Ch.	40,	par.	1501

Amends the Children and Family Services Act. Provides that if (i) a child is found to be an abused minor under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, (ii) the perpetrator of the abuse was the child's parent, (iii) the parent convicted of aggravated participation in methamphetamine was manufacturing, and (iv) the child who has been found to be an abused minor was the child who resided or was present at the place where the methamphetamine was manufactured or was endangered by the manufacture of the methamphetamine, then the Department of Children and Family Services shall cause to be filed a petition seeking termination of the parent's parental rights. Amends the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to provide that conviction of a person of aggravated participation in methamphetamine manufacturing under similar circumstances is an aggravating circumstance under which it may be appropriate to expedite termination of the person's parental rights. Amends the Adoption Act add similar provisions with respect to depravity as a ground of unfitness and with respect to the definition of "abused child".

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AN ACT concerning children.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
by changing Section 35.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/35.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5035.2)

7 Sec. 35.2. If a child has been found to be an abused minor under Section 4-8 of the Juvenile Court Act or Section 2-21 of 8 9 the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and the perpetrator of the abuse was the child's parent, and (i) such parent has been 10 convicted of aggravated battery of the child or (ii) such 11 12 parent has been convicted of aggravated participation in methamphetamine manufacturing under subdivision (b) (1) (B) of 13 14 Section 15 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act and the child who has been found to be an abused 15 16 minor was the child who resided or was present at the place 17 where the methamphetamine was manufactured or who was endangered by the manufacture of the methamphetamine, and the 18 19 child has been committed to the Department of Children and Family Services for care and service under Section 5-7 of the 20 21 Juvenile Court Act or Section 2-27 of the Juvenile Court Act of 22 1987, the Department shall cause to be filed a petition seeking the termination of such parent's parental rights pursuant to 23

"An Act in relation to the adoption of persons, and to repeal an Act therein named", approved July 17, 1959, as amended, or under Section 2-29 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and the Department shall also seek placement of the child with suitable adoptive parents.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-403.)

7 Section 10. The Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is amended by 8 changing Section 1-2 as follows:

9 (705 ILCS 405/1-2) (from Ch. 37, par. 801-2)

10 Sec. 1-2. Purpose and policy.

11 (1) The purpose of this Act is to secure for each minor 12 subject hereto such care and guidance, preferably in his or her own home, as will serve the safety and moral, emotional, 13 14 mental, and physical welfare of the minor and the best 15 interests of the community; to preserve and strengthen the minor's family ties whenever possible, removing him or her from 16 the custody of his or her parents only when his or her safety 17 18 or welfare or the protection of the public cannot be adequately safequarded without removal; if the child is removed from the 19 20 custody of his or her parent, the Department of Children and 21 Services immediately shall consider Family concurrent planning, as described in Section 5 of the Children and Family 22 23 Services Act so that permanency may occur at the earliest 24 opportunity; consideration should be given SO that if

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reunification fails or is delayed, the placement made is the 1 best available placement to provide permanency for the child; 2 3 and, when the minor is removed from his or her own family, to secure for him or her custody, care and discipline as nearly as 4 5 possible equivalent to that which should be given by his or her parents, and in cases where it should and can properly be done 6 7 to place the minor in a family home so that he or she may become 8 a member of the family by legal adoption or otherwise. Provided 9 that a ground for unfitness under the Adoption Act can be met, 10 it may be appropriate to expedite termination of parental 11 rights:

12 (a) when reasonable efforts are inappropriate, or have been provided and were unsuccessful, 13 and there are 14 aggravating circumstances including, but not limited to, 15 those cases in which (i) the child or another child of that 16 child's parent was (A) abandoned, (B) tortured, or (C) 17 chronically abused or (ii) the parent is criminally convicted of (A) first degree murder or second degree 18 19 murder of any child, (B) attempt or conspiracy to commit 20 first degree murder or second degree murder of any child, (C) solicitation to commit murder, solicitation to commit 21 22 murder for hire, solicitation to commit second degree 23 murder of any child, or aggravated assault in violation of subdivision (a) (13) of Section 12-2 of the Criminal Code of 24 25 1961, or (D) aggravated criminal sexual assault in 26 violation of Section 12-14(b)(1) of the Criminal Code of

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1 1961, or (E) aggravated participation in methamphetamine 2 manufacturing under subdivision (b) (1) (B) of Section 15 of 3 the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, 4 and the minor or another child of the minor's parent was 5 the child who resided or was present at the place where the 6 methamphetamine was manufactured or who was endangered by 7 the manufacture of the methamphetamine; or

8 (b) when the parental rights of a parent with respect 9 to another child of the parent have been involuntarily 10 terminated; or

(c) in those extreme cases in which the parent's incapacity to care for the child, combined with an extremely poor prognosis for treatment or rehabilitation, justifies expedited termination of parental rights.

15 (2) In all proceedings under this Act the court may direct 16 the course thereof SO as promptly to ascertain the 17 jurisdictional facts and fully to gather information bearing upon the current condition and future welfare of persons 18 subject to this Act. This Act shall be administered in a spirit 19 20 of humane concern, not only for the rights of the parties, but also for the fears and the limits of understanding of all who 21 22 appear before the court.

23 (3) In all procedures under this Act, the following shall24 apply:

(a) The procedural rights assured to the minor shall bethe rights of adults unless specifically precluded by laws

1 which enhance the protection of such minors.

2 (b) Every child has a right to services necessary to 3 his or her safety and proper development, including health, 4 education and social services.

5 (c) The parents' right to the custody of their child 6 shall not prevail when the court determines that it is 7 contrary to the health, safety, and best interests of the 8 child.

9 (4) This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out the 10 foregoing purpose and policy.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-704, eff. 8-16-97 (changed from 1-1-98 by P.A. 12 90-443); 90-27, eff. 1-1-98; 90-28, eff. 1-1-98; 90-443, eff. 13 8-16-97; 90-608, eff. 6-30-98.)

Section 15. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Section 15 1 as follows:

16 (750 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 40, par. 1501)

Sec. 1. Definitions. When used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

A. "Child" means a person under legal age subject toadoption under this Act.

B. "Related child" means a child subject to adoption where either or both of the adopting parents stands in any of the following relationships to the child by blood or marriage: parent, grand-parent, brother, sister, step-parent,

step-grandparent, step-brother, step-sister, uncle, 1 aunt, 2 great-uncle, great-aunt, or cousin of first degree. A child whose parent has executed a final irrevocable consent to 3 adoption or a final irrevocable surrender for purposes of 4 5 adoption, or whose parent has had his or her parental rights 6 terminated, is not a related child to that person, unless the 7 consent is determined to be void or is void pursuant to subsection 0 of Section 10. 8

9 C. "Agency" for the purpose of this Act means a public 10 child welfare agency or a licensed child welfare agency.

D. "Unfit person" means any person whom the court shall find to be unfit to have a child, without regard to the likelihood that the child will be placed for adoption. The grounds of unfitness are any one or more of the following, except that a person shall not be considered an unfit person for the sole reason that the person has relinquished a child in accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act:

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(a) Abandonment of the child.

19 (a-1) Abandonment of a newborn infant in a hospital.

20 (a-2) Abandonment of a newborn infant in any setting
21 where the evidence suggests that the parent intended to
22 relinquish his or her parental rights.

(b) Failure to maintain a reasonable degree of
interest, concern or responsibility as to the child's
welfare.

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(c) Desertion of the child for more than 3 months next

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preceding the commencement of the Adoption proceeding.

2 (d) Substantial neglect of the child if continuous or3 repeated.

4 (d-1) Substantial neglect, if continuous or repeated,
5 of any child residing in the household which resulted in
6 the death of that child.

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(e) Extreme or repeated cruelty to the child.

8 (f) There is a rebuttable presumption, which can be 9 overcome only by clear and convincing evidence, that a 10 parent is unfit if:

(1) Two or more findings of physical abuse have been entered regarding any children under Section 2-21 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, the most recent of which was determined by the juvenile court hearing the matter to be supported by clear and convincing evidence; or

17 (2) The parent has been convicted or found not
18 guilty by reason of insanity and the conviction or
19 finding resulted from the death of any child by
20 physical abuse; or

(3) There is a finding of physical child abuse
resulting from the death of any child under Section
2-21 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

No conviction or finding of delinquency pursuant to Article 5 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall be considered a criminal conviction for the purpose of 1

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applying any presumption under this item (f).

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(g) Failure to protect the child from conditions within his environment injurious to the child's welfare.

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(h) Other neglect of, or misconduct toward the child; 4 5 provided that in making a finding of unfitness the court hearing the adoption proceeding shall not be bound by any 6 or 7 previous finding, order judgment affecting or 8 determining the rights of the parents toward the child 9 sought to be adopted in any other proceeding except such 10 proceedings terminating parental rights as shall be had 11 under either this Act, the Juvenile Court Act or the 12 Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

(i) Depravity. Conviction of any one of the following 13 14 crimes shall create a presumption that a parent is depraved 15 which can be overcome only by clear and convincing 16 evidence: (1) first degree murder in violation of paragraph 17 1 or 2 of subsection (a) of Section 9-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or conviction of second degree murder in 18 violation of subsection (a) of Section 9-2 of the Criminal 19 20 Code of 1961 of a parent of the child to be adopted; (2) first degree murder or second degree murder of any child in 21 22 violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; (3) attempt or 23 conspiracy to commit first degree murder or second degree murder of any child in violation of the Criminal Code of 24 25 1961; (4) solicitation to commit murder of any child, 26 solicitation to commit murder of any child for hire, or

solicitation to commit second degree murder of any child in 1 2 violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; (5) predatory criminal sexual assault of a child in violation of Section 3 12-14.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961; (6) heinous battery 4 5 of any child in violation of the Criminal Code of 1961; or (7) aggravated battery of any child in violation of the 6 7 Criminal Code of 1961; or (8) aggravated participation in 8 methamphetamine manufacturing in violation of subdivision 9 (b) (1) (B) of Section 15 of the Methamphetamine Control and 10 Community Protection Act, where any child resided or was 11 present at the place where the methamphetamine was 12 manufactured or was endangered by the manufacture of the 13 methamphetamine.

There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is depraved if the parent has been criminally convicted of at least 3 felonies under the laws of this State or any other state, or under federal law, or the criminal laws of any United States territory; and at least one of these convictions took place within 5 years of the filing of the petition or motion seeking termination of parental rights.

There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is depraved if that parent has been criminally convicted of either first or second degree murder of any person as defined in the Criminal Code of 1961 within 10 years of the filing date of the petition or motion to terminate parental rights.

1 No conviction or finding of delinquency pursuant to 2 Article 5 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall be 3 considered a criminal conviction for the purpose of 4 applying any presumption under this item (i).

5 6 (j) Open and notorious adultery or fornication.

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7 (k) Habitual drunkenness or addiction to drugs, other
8 than those prescribed by a physician, for at least one year
9 immediately prior to the commencement of the unfitness
10 proceeding.

11 There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent is 12 unfit under this subsection with respect to any child to which that parent gives birth where there is a confirmed 13 14 test result that at birth the child's blood, urine, or 15 meconium contained any amount of a controlled substance as 16 defined in subsection (f) of Section 102 of the Illinois 17 Controlled Substances Act or metabolites of such substances, the presence of which in the newborn infant was 18 not the result of medical treatment administered to the 19 20 mother or the newborn infant; and the biological mother of this child is the biological mother of at least one other 21 22 child who was adjudicated a neglected minor under 23 subsection (c) of Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 24 1987.

(1) Failure to demonstrate a reasonable degree of
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new born child during the first 30 days after its birth.

2 (m) Failure by a parent (i) to make reasonable efforts 3 to correct the conditions that were the basis for the removal of the child from the parent, or (ii) to make 4 5 reasonable progress toward the return of the child to the 6 parent within 9 months after an adjudication of neglected 7 or abused minor under Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act 8 of 1987 or dependent minor under Section 2-4 of that Act, 9 or (iii) to make reasonable progress toward the return of 10 the child to the parent during any 9-month period after the 11 end of the initial 9-month period following the 12 adjudication of neglected or abused minor under Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or dependent minor under 13 14 Section 2-4 of that Act. If a service plan has been 15 established as required under Section 8.2 of the Abused and 16 Neglected Child Reporting Act to correct the conditions 17 that were the basis for the removal of the child from the parent and if those services were available, then, for 18 19 purposes of this Act, "failure to make reasonable progress 20 toward the return of the child to the parent" includes (I) 21 the parent's failure to substantially fulfill his or her 22 obligations under the service plan and correct the 23 conditions that brought the child into care within 9 months 24 after the adjudication under Section 2-3 or 2-4 of the 25 Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and (II) the parent's failure to 26 substantially fulfill his or her obligations under the

1 service plan and correct the conditions that brought the 2 child into care during any 9-month period after the end of 3 initial 9-month period following the adjudication the under Section 2-3 or 2-4 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. 4 5 Notwithstanding any other provision, when a petition or 6 motion seeks to terminate parental rights on the basis of 7 item (iii) of this subsection (m), the petitioner shall 8 file with the court and serve on the parties a pleading 9 that specifies the 9-month period or periods relied on. The 10 pleading shall be filed and served on the parties no later 11 than 3 weeks before the date set by the court for closure 12 of discovery, and the allegations in the pleading shall be 13 treated as incorporated into the petition or motion. 14 Failure of a respondent to file a written denial of the 15 allegations in the pleading shall not be treated as an 16 admission that the allegations are true.

17 (m-1) Pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, a child has been in foster care for 15 months out of any 22 18 19 month period which begins on or after the effective date of 20 this amendatory Act of 1998 unless the child's parent can 21 prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it is more 22 likely than not that it will be in the best interests of 23 the child to be returned to the parent within 6 months of 24 the date on which a petition for termination of parental 25 rights is filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The 26 15 month time limit is tolled during any period for which

there is a court finding that the appointed custodian or 1 guardian failed to make reasonable efforts to reunify the 2 3 child with his or her family, provided that (i) the finding of no reasonable efforts is made within 60 days of the 4 5 period when reasonable efforts were not made or (ii) the 6 parent filed a motion requesting a finding of no reasonable 7 efforts within 60 days of the period when reasonable 8 efforts were not made. For purposes of this subdivision 9 (m-1), the date of entering foster care is the earlier of: 10 (i) the date of a judicial finding at an adjudicatory 11 hearing that the child is an abused, neglected, or 12 dependent minor; or (ii) 60 days after the date on which the child is removed from his or her parent, guardian, or 13 14 legal custodian.

15 (n) Evidence of intent to forgo his or her parental 16 rights, whether or not the child is a ward of the court, (1) as manifested by his or her failure for a period of 12 17 months: (i) to visit the child, (ii) to communicate with 18 19 the child or agency, although able to do so and not 20 prevented from doing so by an agency or by court order, or 21 (iii) to maintain contact with or plan for the future of 22 the child, although physically able to do so, or (2) as 23 manifested by the father's failure, where he and the mother 24 of the child were unmarried to each other at the time of 25 the child's birth, (i) to commence legal proceedings to 26 establish his paternity under the Illinois Parentage Act of

1984 or the law of the jurisdiction of the child's birth 1 2 within 30 days of being informed, pursuant to Section 12a 3 of this Act, that he is the father or the likely father of the child or, after being so informed where the child is 4 not yet born, within 30 days of the child's birth, or (ii) 5 to make a good faith effort to pay a reasonable amount of 6 the expenses related to the birth of the child and to 7 8 provide a reasonable amount for the financial support of 9 the child, the court to consider in its determination all 10 relevant circumstances, including the financial condition 11 of both parents; provided that the ground for termination 12 provided in this subparagraph (n)(2)(ii) shall only be available where the petition is brought by the mother or 13 14 the husband of the mother.

15 Contact or communication by a parent with his or her 16 child that does not demonstrate affection and concern does 17 constitute reasonable contact and planning under not subdivision (n). In the absence of evidence to 18 the 19 contrary, the ability to visit, communicate, maintain 20 contact, pay expenses and plan for the future shall be presumed. The subjective intent of the parent, whether 21 22 expressed or otherwise, unsupported by evidence of the 23 foregoing parental acts manifesting that intent, shall not 24 preclude a determination that the parent has intended to 25 forgo his or her parental rights. In making this 26 determination, the court may consider but shall not require

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a showing of diligent efforts by an authorized agency to
 encourage the parent to perform the acts specified in
 subdivision (n).

It shall be an affirmative defense to any allegation under paragraph (2) of this subsection that the father's failure was due to circumstances beyond his control or to impediments created by the mother or any other person having legal custody. Proof of that fact need only be by a preponderance of the evidence.

(o) Repeated or continuous failure by the parents,
although physically and financially able, to provide the
child with adequate food, clothing, or shelter.

13 (p) Inability to discharge parental responsibilities 14 supported by competent evidence from a psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker, or clinical psychologist 15 16 of mental impairment, mental illness or mental retardation 17 as defined in Section 1-116 of the Mental Health and Disabilities 18 Developmental Code, or developmental 19 disability as defined in Section 1-106 of that Code, and 20 there is sufficient justification to believe that the 21 inability to discharge parental responsibilities shall 22 extend beyond a reasonable time period. However, this 23 subdivision (p) shall not be construed so as to permit a licensed clinical social worker to conduct any medical 24 25 to determine mental illness diagnosis or mental 26 impairment.

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2 (r) The child is in the temporary custody or 3 guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services, the parent is incarcerated as a result of 4 5 criminal conviction at the time the petition or motion for 6 termination of parental rights is filed, prior to 7 incarceration the parent had little or no contact with the 8 child or provided little or no support for the child, and 9 the parent's incarceration will prevent the parent from 10 discharging his or her parental responsibilities for the 11 child for a period in excess of 2 years after the filing of 12 the petition or motion for termination of parental rights.

13 (s) The child is in the temporary custody or 14 guardianship of the Department of Children and Family 15 Services, the parent is incarcerated at the time the 16 petition or motion for termination of parental rights is 17 filed, the parent has been repeatedly incarcerated as a result of criminal convictions, and the parent's repeated 18 19 incarceration has prevented the parent from discharging 20 his or her parental responsibilities for the child.

(t) A finding that at birth the child's blood, urine, or meconium contained any amount of a controlled substance as defined in subsection (f) of Section 102 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or a metabolite of a controlled substance, with the exception of controlled substances or metabolites of such substances, the presence of which in

the newborn infant was the result of medical treatment 1 2 administered to the mother or the newborn infant, and that 3 the biological mother of this child is the biological mother of at least one other child who was adjudicated a 4 5 neglected minor under subsection (c) of Section 2-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, after which the biological 6 7 mother had the opportunity to enroll in and participate in 8 clinically appropriate substance abuse counseling, а 9 treatment, and rehabilitation program.

10 E. "Parent" means the father or mother of a lawful child of 11 the parties or child born out of wedlock. For the purpose of 12 this Act, a person who has executed a final and irrevocable consent to adoption or a final and irrevocable surrender for 13 14 purposes of adoption, or whose parental rights have been 15 terminated by a court, is not a parent of the child who was the 16 subject of the consent or surrender, unless the consent is void 17 pursuant to subsection 0 of Section 10.

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F. A person is available for adoption when the person is:

(a) a child who has been surrendered for adoption to an
agency and to whose adoption the agency has thereafter
consented;

(b) a child to whose adoption a person authorized by law, other than his parents, has consented, or to whose adoption no consent is required pursuant to Section 8 of this Act;

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(c) a child who is in the custody of persons who intend

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to adopt him through placement made by his parents;

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(c-1) a child for whom a parent has signed a specific consent pursuant to subsection 0 of Section 10;

4 (d) an adult who meets the conditions set forth in 5 Section 3 of this Act; or

6 (e) a child who has been relinquished as defined in 7 Section 10 of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

8 A person who would otherwise be available for adoption 9 shall not be deemed unavailable for adoption solely by reason 10 of his or her death.

11 G. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes 12 the singular and the "male" includes the "female", as the 13 context of this Act may require.

H. "Adoption disruption" occurs when an adoptive placement does not prove successful and it becomes necessary for the child to be removed from placement before the adoption is finalized.

I. "Foreign placing agency" is an agency or individual operating in a country or territory outside the United States that is authorized by its country to place children for adoption either directly with families in the United States or through United States based international agencies.

J. "Immediate relatives" means the biological parents, the parents of the biological parents and siblings of the biological parents.

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K. "Intercountry adoption" is a process by which a child

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1 from a country other than the United States is adopted.

L. "Intercountry Adoption Coordinator" is a staff person of the Department of Children and Family Services appointed by the Director to coordinate the provision of services by the public and private sector to prospective parents of foreign-born children.

M. "Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children" is a law enacted by most states for the purpose of establishing uniform procedures for handling the interstate placement of children in foster homes, adoptive homes, or other child care facilities.

N. "Non-Compact state" means a state that has not enactedthe Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

14 O. "Preadoption requirements" are any conditions 15 established by the laws or regulations of the Federal 16 Government or of each state that must be met prior to the 17 placement of a child in an adoptive home.

P. "Abused child" means a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent:

(a) inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be
inflicted upon the child physical injury, by other than
accidental means, that causes death, disfigurement,
impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or
impairment of any bodily function;

1 (b) creates a substantial risk of physical injury to 2 the child by other than accidental means which would be 3 likely to cause death, disfigurement, impairment of 4 physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any 5 bodily function;

6 (c) commits or allows to be committed any sex offense 7 against the child, as sex offenses are defined in the 8 Criminal Code of 1961 and extending those definitions of 9 sex offenses to include children under 18 years of age;

10 (d) commits or allows to be committed an act or acts of 11 torture upon the child; or

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(e) inflicts excessive corporal punishment; or

(f) commits or allows to be committed aggravated participation in methamphetamine manufacturing in violation of subdivision (b) (1) (B) of Section 15 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, where the child was the child who resided or was present at the place where the methamphetamine was manufactured or who was endangered by the manufacture of the methamphetamine.

Q. "Neglected child" means any child whose parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare withholds or denies nourishment or medically indicated treatment including food or care denied solely on the basis of the present or anticipated mental or physical impairment as determined by a physician acting alone or in consultation with other physicians or otherwise does not provide the proper or necessary support, education as required by law, or medical or other remedial care recognized under State law as necessary for a child's well-being, or other care necessary for his or her well-being, including adequate food, clothing and shelter; or who is abandoned by his or her parents or other person responsible for the child's welfare.

7 A child shall not be considered neglected or abused for the 8 sole reason that the child's parent or other person responsible 9 for his or her welfare depends upon spiritual means through 10 prayer alone for the treatment or cure of disease or remedial 11 care as provided under Section 4 of the Abused and Neglected 12 Child Reporting Act. A child shall not be considered neglected 13 or abused for the sole reason that the child's parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare failed to vaccinate, 14 15 delayed vaccination, or refused vaccination for the child due 16 to a waiver on religious or medical grounds as permitted by 17 law.

"Putative father" means a man who may be a child's 18 R. 19 father, but who (1) is not married to the child's mother on or 20 before the date that the child was or is to be born and (2) has not established paternity of the child in a court proceeding 21 22 before the filing of a petition for the adoption of the child. 23 The term includes a male who is less than 18 years of age. "Putative father" does not mean a man who is the child's father 24 25 as a result of criminal sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961. 26

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S. "Standby adoption" means an adoption in which a parent consents to custody and termination of parental rights to become effective upon the occurrence of a future event, which is either the death of the parent or the request of the parent for the entry of a final judgment of adoption.

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7 (Source: P.A. 93-732, eff. 1-1-05; 94-229, eff. 1-1-06; 94-563, 8 eff. 1-1-06; 94-939, eff. 1-1-07.)

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