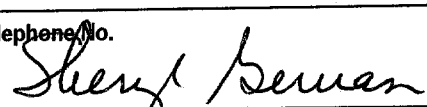


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<b>Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate</b>  <p><b>This bill eliminates the current laws relating to adoption and creates the Uniform Adoption Act . It decreases the court's involvement in some areas and creates the possibilities for more litigation in others. The provisions which may cause more litigation or require additional hearings include: creation of additional grounds for TPR when a child has been placed by one parent under a consent arrangement; allowing one birth parent to place a child for adoption without the consent of the other; allowing a child to be placed with prospective adoptive parents for adoption without the TPR of either parent and with only the relinquishment by one birth parent, and the elimination of the foreign adoption bond. On the other hand, the bill removes the requirement for a permanency plan for a child placed through an independent adoption procedure thus decreasing the court's involvement; removes the court's requirement to appoint a GAL to represent a child in an uncontested adoption and does not allow a court to place a child for adoption. The overall affect of these changes is impossile to predict.</b></p> <p><b>It should be noted that this bill is modeled after one drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 1994. It is unclear if it is in conflict with provisions of the recent federally enacted Adoption and Safe Families Act which deals with providing safety and permanency to children in TPR and adoption proceedings.</b></p>		
<b>Long-Range Fiscal Implications</b>		
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