

**199.471 Petitions for adoption not to be denied on religious, ethnic, racial, or interfaith backgrounds or sole basis of disability.**

Petitions for adoption of children placed for adoption by the cabinet or a licensed child-placing institution or agency shall not be denied:

- (1) On the basis of the religious, ethnic, racial, or interfaith background of the adoptive applicant, unless contrary to the expressed wishes of the biological parent or parents; or
- (2) On the sole basis of a disability of the adoptive applicant without considering whether targeted adaptive or supportive services could enable the applicant to provide essential care and protection for the child.

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