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Senate Bill 48
Sponsor: Senator Christopher D. Dingell
Committee: Families, Mental Health, and Human Services

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 48 as introduced 1-17-95:

The bill would amend the Michigan Adoption Code to place the following limitations on challenges to adoption orders:

- An order issued under the Code could not be vacated or annulled upon application of an individual who waived notice, or who was properly served with notice and failed to respond or appear within the time allowed.
- The validity of an adoption could not be challenged for a person's failure to comply with an agreement for visitation or communication with an adoptee.
- An order of adoption or other order issued under the Code would not be subject to a challenge begun more than six months after the order was issued. If a challenge were brought by an individual whose parental relationship to an adoptee was terminated by an order issued under the Code, the court would have to deny the challenge, unless it found by clear and convincing evidence that the order was not in the best interests of the adoptee.

Proposed MCL 710.65a

Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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