

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 520 prohibits use of a parent's blindness as a basis to determine visitation and custody rights or a person's fitness to participate in public or private adoption and foster care systems. If a party alleges that a person's blindness will be detrimental to a child, the alleging party must provide clear and convincing evidence that the blindness-connected behavior endangers or will likely endanger the health, safety or welfare of the child.

Should sufficient evidence be presented, the prospective parent or person may present evidence of certain programs alleviating any concerns that have been raised. If the court still determines that a right to custody, visitation, adoption, foster care or guardianship of a blind parent, prospective parent or person should be denied or limited, it must provide specific written findings stating the basis for such a determination.

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