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1 sincerely held religious or moral beliefs as a condition for  
2 eligibility to adopt or foster;

3 2. Deny a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any  
4 authorization necessary to be eligible to adopt or foster based, in  
5 whole or in part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or  
6 moral beliefs, or intent to guide, instruct, or raise a child  
7 consistent with those beliefs, regarding sexual orientation or  
8 gender identity; or

9 3. Establish or enforce any standard, rule, or policy that  
10 precludes consideration of a current or prospective adoptive or  
11 foster parent for any particular placement based, in whole or in  
12 part, upon the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs  
13 regarding sexual orientation or gender identity.

14 B. Nothing in this section shall:

15 1. Preclude the Department from taking into account the  
16 religious or moral beliefs of a particular adoptive or foster child,  
17 or his or her family of origin including, but not limited to, the  
18 child's or family's views regarding sexual orientation and gender  
19 identity, considered in relation to the religious or moral beliefs  
20 of a prospective adoptive or foster parent when determining which  
21 placement is in the best interest of the child; or

22 2. Be construed to prohibit or relieve the Department of its  
23 duty to make each placement consistent with the best interests of  
24 the child as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT, dated 04/21/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.