

HB 102 -- Adoption Proceedings

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This bill requires a court conducting a final adoption hearing to determine whether the court has received and reviewed an investigation report required under Section 453.070, RSMo, if any, and an investigation and social study required under Section 211.455, if any.

By January 1, 2014, the Missouri Supreme Court must develop a standardized form to be used in all adoption cases which includes a checklist to verify that all the documents and procedures required by law have been submitted, followed, and reviewed by the judge prior to the entry of a final order. The form and attachments must be included as part of the adoption record.