

SENATE BILL No. 498

September 16, 2015, Introduced by Senator WARREN and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending section 23g of chapter X (MCL 710.23g), as added by 2015 PA 54.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER X

Sec. 23g. (1) ~~In~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),** IN accordance with sections 14e and 14f of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.124e and 722.124f, a child placing agency ~~shall~~ **IS** not be required to provide adoption services if those adoption services conflict with, or provide adoption services under circumstances that conflict with, the child placing agency's sincerely held religious beliefs contained in a written policy, statement of faith, or other document adhered to by the child placing agency. Also, **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),** in accordance

1 with sections 14e and 14f of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.124e and
2 722.124f, the state or a local unit of government shall not take an
3 adverse action against a child placing agency on the basis that the
4 child placing agency has declined or will decline to provide
5 adoption services that conflict with, or provide adoption services
6 under circumstances that conflict with, the child placing agency's
7 sincerely held religious beliefs contained in a written policy,
8 statement of faith, or other document adhered to by the child
9 placing agency.

10 (2) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING, A CHILD PLACING AGENCY
11 THAT HAS A CONTRACT WITH THIS STATE SHALL PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES
12 TO ALL APPLICANTS THAT OTHERWISE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN
13 ADOPTION UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
15 after the date it is enacted into law.

16 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
17 unless Senate Bill No. 497

18 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.