

Alabama Homestudy
2024 Code Update
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TASK:	SUITABILITY STUDY (Relative or Stepparent)	FULL HOMESTUDY	NOTES:
Author of study must be AL licensed LICSW	X	X	26-10E-19(a)(4) – copy of SW or agency license
Submit report with 30 days of petition filing	X	X	
Suitability Letters (FBI/ABI) on Petitioner AND All adults in home	X	X	
CAN Clearance on ALL persons over 14 in the home	X	X	Note: 26-10E-19(a)(2) indicates clearance from any state where person lived for 5+ years
Home SAFETY Inspection	X	X	
Anticipated costs and Expenses		X	26-10E-19 (a)(3)
Reference Letters		X	6 reference letters. 4 unrelated, 2 related
Medical reports on ALL individuals in the home		X	26-10E-19 (a) (6), letters from prescribing doctors for any controlled substance prescriptions
Financial worksheets on each petitioner		X	Or a previous year's tax return 26-10E-19 (a)(7)
Copies of each petitioner's birth certificate, marriage license		X	26-10E-19 (a)(8)
Current pet vaccinations		X	26-10E-19 (a)(9)
Divorce Decrees		X	26-10E-19 (a)(10)
Death Certificates		X	26-10E-19 (a)(11)
Supervisory Visits		X	Verify who will do supervisory visits after placement w/in 45 days of placement 26-10E-19(a)(12)
Written biography of each Petitioner		X	Must include medical and social history 26-10E-19 (a)(13)
Home Safety Inspection		X	26-10E-19 (a)(14)
Any other requirement pursuant to Title 660 of Al Administrative Code of other DHR Rule		X	26-10E-19 (a)(15)

Verification of all allegations in the Petition		X	26-10E-19 (i)
Facts for the court to determine if there has been compliance with provisions of Chapter 26		X	26-10E-19 (a)(i)
IF POST PLACEMENT		X	
If bio parent or legal parent (if living) relinquished, WHY did they desire to be relieved of care, support or g-ship		X	26-10E-19 (e)(1)
Whether bio or legal parent(s) have abandoned adoptee or otherwise unsuitable		X	26-10E-19 (e)(2)
Any ORDERS, judgement or decrees affecting custody of adoptee or ANY children of the Petitioner		X	26-10E-19 (e)(3)
Any property owned by the adoptee		X	26-10E-19 (e)(4)
Updated medical and mental health histories of the adoptee. Must be provided to the petitioners in writing prior to final decree entry.		X	26-10E-19 (e)(5)
Updated medical and mental health histories of the adoptee's bio parents.			26-10E-19 (e)(6)
Any other circumstances that might be relevant to the placement with the petitioners		X	26-10E-19 (e)(7)

Updated letters of suitability, CAN clearances, criminal records from the county in which the petitioner(s) have resided for the 2 years prior to the finalization of adoption and update records from the National Sex Offender Registry.		X	26-10E-19 (e)(8)
If Applicable, compliance with the ICPC		X	Including authorized signatures from the sending and receiving state. 26-10E-19 (e)(9)
Any info within subdivisions (a)(1) thru (a)(10) not obtained in the pre-placement required under 19(i)		X	26-10E-19 (e)
TIMELINES TO NOTE:			
Post-placement submitted on form developed by DHR, etc.		X	26-10E-19 (e)(i)
File Preplacement study within 60 days of notice of proceedings with court and to each petitioner(s) attorney		X	26-10E-19 (e)(i)
STEP PARENT/RELATIVE ADOPTIONS			
Determine suitability per 19(a)(1), (2) and (14), and 26-10E-26(2) and 27(2)	X		
Must FILE within 30 days of date of petition filing	X		26-10E-26(2)