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Senate Bill 892 (as introduced 10-13-09)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Hardiman
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Adoption Code to permit the designee of an authorized representative of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to consent to the adoption of a child.

Generally, the Code requires each parent to give consent to the adoption of a child, unless the rights of the parent have been terminated, the child has been released for the purpose of adoption to a child placing agency or the DHS, or other circumstances exist.

Consent also must be given by the authorized representative of the DHS or of a child placing agency to whom the child has been released or permanently committed by an order of the family court.

Under the bill, consent could be given by the authorized representative of the DHS or his or her designee.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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