

Statement

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The Irish Foster Care Association Welcomes the Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016 being debated today

Catherine Bond, CEO, Irish Foster Care Association commented “we are delighted to see this Bill being debated today and hopefully passed. It is an important development for children living with foster families in Ireland as it will allow children to be adopted by their foster carers, where they have cared for the child for at least 18 months. Where adoption from fostering by the child’s foster carers is in the best interests of the child, this amendment to the Adoption Act will offer many children stability in their lives. The Bill takes into consideration the unique needs of the child which is particularly welcome.”

IFCA welcomes the recent amendments to the Bill by Senator Alice Mary Higgins which guarantee a legal review and public consultation on the potential introduction of open or semi-open adoption in Ireland. This is a progressive development in the adoption of children in Ireland.

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