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**Abstract:** Authorizes a biological sibling of a child to intervene in the adoption proceeding for agency and private adoptions.

<u>Present law</u> provides that for agency and private adoption proceedings, intervention is limited to persons having a substantial caretaking relationship with the child for one year or longer or any other person that the court finds to be a party in interest. <u>Present law</u> further provides that the intervention of a party in interest shall be for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interest of the child.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes a biological sibling of the child to intervene for the limited purpose of presenting evidence as to the best interest of the child.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1209 and 1231)