

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2646**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttie)

ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2012

These amendments clarify that the required psychological evaluation of the intended parent is to approve suitability to participate in the gestational carrier agreement, rather than suitability to be a parent. The amendments add a requirement that a gestational carrier agreement set forth the financial responsibilities of the parties, unless expressly waived in writing by the gestational carrier. The amendments clarify references to the court to which an intended parent is to file a complaint for an order of parentage. In addition, rather than providing for a hearing within 35 days of filing the complaint, the amendments provide that the court, to the extent possible, is to schedule and expedite the hearing. A provision is also added that authorizes the court to enter an order of parentage without the need for an appearance by the parties in uncontested matters. Finally, the amendments provide that actions and proceedings are to be held in closed court without admittance of any persons other than those who are necessary, rather than requiring that all hearings be held in camera.