Hearings and Notice in Adoption Proceedings; HB 2205

HB 2205 amends the law concerning hearings on an adoption petition to allow a hearing to be fixed any time within 60 days from the date the petition is filed and to remove language preventing the hearing from being scheduled within 30 days from the date the petition is filed. The bill also provides an exception to notice requirements in independent and stepparent adoptions when the party entitled to notice waives the right.