IC 31-19-7
Chapter 7. Prior Approval of Placement of Child in Proposed Adoptive Home

IC 31-19-7-1
Prior written approval of placements; criminal history checks
    Sec. 1. (a) A child may not be placed in a proposed adoptive home without the prior written approval of a licensed child placing agency or the local office approved for that purpose by the department.
    (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), before giving prior written approval for placement in a proposed adoptive home of a child, a licensed child placing agency or the department of child services shall conduct a criminal history check (as defined in IC 31-9-2-22.5) concerning the proposed adoptive parent and any other person who is currently residing in the proposed adoptive home.
    (c) The prospective adoptive parent shall pay the fees and other costs of the criminal history check required under this section.
    (d) A licensed child placing agency or the department of child services is not required to conduct a criminal history check (as defined in IC 31-9-2-22.5) if a prospective adoptive parent provides the licensed child placing agency or the local office with the results of a criminal history check conducted:
        (1) in accordance with IC 31-9-2-22.5; and
        (2) not more than one (1) year before the date on which the licensed child placing agency or the local office provides written approval for the placement.
As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.234-2005, SEC.93; P.L.145-2006, SEC.247; P.L.138-2007, SEC.37; P.L.128-2012, SEC.48.

IC 31-19-7-2
Consent of the department
    Sec. 2. Whenever the written approval for placement of a child in a proposed adoptive home is obtained from a licensed child placing agency, the consent of the department is not required unless the child is a ward of the department.
As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.128-2012, SEC.49.

IC 31-19-7-3
Approval filed with adoption petition
    Sec. 3. Approval under this chapter for placement in a proposed adoptive home must be filed with the petition for adoption.
As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.