

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

for

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1599, Page 3, Section 193.128, Line 22, by inserting after all of said line  
2 the following:

3 "6. A birth parent may, at any time, request from the state registrar a contact preference  
4 form that shall accompany the original birth certificate of an adopted person. The contact preference  
5 form shall include the following options:

6 (1) "I would like to be contacted";

7 (2) "I prefer to be contacted by an intermediary"; and

8 (3) "I prefer not to be contacted".

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10 A contact preference form may be updated by a birth parent at any time upon the request of the birth  
11 parent.

12 7. If both birth parents indicate on the contact preference form that they would prefer not to  
13 be contacted, a copy of the original birth certificate of the adopted person shall not be released until  
14 proof is provided that both birth parents are deceased. If only one birth parent indicates on the  
15 contact preference form that he or she would prefer not to be contacted, his or her identifying  
16 information shall be redacted from a copy of the original birth certificate of the adopted person and  
17 the copy of the original birth certificate shall be released under the provisions of this section. Upon  
18 proof that a birth parent who indicated on the contact preference form that he or she preferred not to  
19 be contacted is deceased, an unaltered copy of the original birth certificate of the adopted person  
20 shall be released under the provisions of this section.

21 8. A birth parent may, at any time, request a medical history form from the state registrar  
22 and the state registrar shall provide a medical history form to any birth parent who requests a  
23 contact preference form. The medical history form shall include the following options:

24 (1) "I am not aware of any medical history of any significance";

25 (2) "I prefer not to provide any medical information at this time"; and

26 (3) "I wish to give the following medical information".

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28 A medical history form may be updated by a birth parent at any time upon the request of the birth  
29 parent.

30 9. A contact preference form or a medical history form received by the state registrar shall  
31 be placed in a sealed envelope upon receipt from the birth parent and shall be considered a  
32 confidential communication from the birth parent to the adopted person. The sealed envelope shall

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1 only be released to the adopted person requesting his or her own original birth certificate under the  
2 provisions of this section.

3 10. If a birth parent indicates on the contact preference form that he or she would prefer not  
4 to be contacted, the adopted person shall have access to a copy of the medical history form with the  
5 identifying information of such birth parent redacted.

6 11. Upon proof that an adopted person is deceased, his or her descendants shall have the  
7 right to obtain a copy of the adopted person's original birth certificate and accompanying contact  
8 preference form and medical history form under the provisions of this section.

9 12. The cost of a contact preference form shall not exceed the cost of obtaining an original  
10 birth certificate. There shall be no charge for a medical history form.

11 13. Beginning August 28, 2016, there shall be a public notification period to allow time for  
12 birth parents to file a contact preference form. Beginning May 1, 2017, original birth certificates  
13 shall be issued under the provisions of this section. An adopted person born prior to 1941 shall be  
14 given access to his or her original birth certificate beginning August 28, 2016."; and

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16 Further amend said bill and section, Page 4, by renumbering remaining subsections accordingly; and

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18 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
19 accordingly.

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22 AMENDS HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1, LR # 4581H01.05H

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