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SYNOPSIS

Permits adopted person and certain others access to adopted person's original birth certificate and other related information.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 AN ACT concerning adoptees, amending R.S.26:8-40.1, and
2 supplementing Titles 9 and 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.26:8-40.1 is amended to read as follows:

8 26:8-40.1. a. When any person born in New Jersey who has
9 been adopted pursuant to provisions of the laws of any state or
10 country, and which adoption has been certified to the State
11 Registrar as required by **[paragraph B of section 15 of P.L.1953,**
12 **c.264 (C.9:3-31)]** subsection b. of section 16 of P.L.1977, c.367
13 (C.9:3-52) or there is submitted a certification or a certified copy of
14 the decree or judgment of the court in such adoption proceedings,
15 the State Registrar shall establish, in lieu of the original birth
16 record, a certificate of birth showing (a) the name of the adopted
17 person as changed by the decree of adoption, if changed, (b) the
18 date and place of birth, (c) the names of the adopting parents or
19 parent including the maiden name of the female adopting parent if
20 such name is given in the certification or certified copy of the
21 decree or judgment of the court, and (d) the date of filing. In any
22 instance where the child has been adopted by the spouse of the
23 natural parent the name of such parent shall also be entered on the
24 new certificate of birth. Such certificate shall be of the same
25 general type as is used in making a birth certificate for a person
26 who has not been adopted.

27 **[Upon application by an adopting parent or parents of any**
28 **person born in the United States and adopted pursuant to the laws of**
29 **this State, the court before which the adoption proceedings have**
30 **been conducted, may, for good cause shown, direct and order that**
31 **the place of birth shall be the residence of the adopting parent or**
32 **parents at the time of said adoption; provided, however, that the**
33 **adopting parent or parents were residents of this State at the time of**
34 **said adoption.]**

35 Upon receipt of **[such application,]** a certification or a certified
36 copy of the decree or judgment of a court in an adoption
37 proceeding, the State Registrar shall make a new certificate of birth
38 containing the information referred to in the preceding paragraph.
39 The fee for such service shall be **[\$6.00 which includes the issuance**
40 **of a certified copy of the new certificate]** established by the
41 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, by regulation.

42 The State Registrar may file such a new certificate:

43 **[a.]** (1) for any foundling, for any child born in any state, and
44 for any child for whom an original birth report cannot be located,

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 who has been adopted in New Jersey; provided that there is attached
2 to the decree or judgment of the court in such adoption proceeding
3 or is submitted to the State Registrar a certified copy of the original
4 birth record or acceptable evidence of birth. In the case of a
5 foundling, the date and place of birth **may** shall be decided **by**
6 the adopting parent or parents if not decided by the court before
7 which the adoption proceedings were conducted] by a court of
8 competent jurisdiction; and

9 **[b.] (2)** for any child born in a foreign country who was not a
10 citizen of the United States at the time of the child's birth, whose
11 adopting parent is a resident of this State, and who is adopted: **[(1)]**
12 **(a)** through a court of competent jurisdiction in this State; or **[(2)]**
13 **(b)** under the laws of a jurisdiction or country other than the United
14 States and has been granted an IR-3 immigrant visa, or a successor
15 immigrant visa, by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
16 Services. The new certificate shall be filed upon receipt of: a
17 request for the certificate from the court, the adopting parent, or the
18 adopted person if that person is 18 years of age or older; proof that
19 the adopting parent is a resident of this State; an official copy of the
20 judgment from the jurisdiction or country in which the child was
21 adopted; a certified translation of the foreign adoption; proof of the
22 date and place of the child's birth; and proof of IR-3 immigrant visa
23 status, or a successor immigrant visa status.

24 When applicable, the State Registrar may file a new certificate
25 for any child who is not a citizen of the United States and who is
26 adopted by a resident of this State, which certificate shall bear the
27 notation "by adoption," which shall also be shown upon any copy of
28 the certificate issued; such notation may be removed at any
29 subsequent date upon submission of acceptable proof that the child
30 has become a citizen of the United States.

31 When a new certificate of birth is made, the State Registrar shall
32 notify the local registrar of vital statistics of the place in which the
33 birth occurred, if applicable, who shall enter the new certificate in
34 his local record and place his copy of the original record under seal
35 with the State Registrar.

36 **b.** The State Registrar shall cause to be placed under seal the
37 original certificate of birth and all papers pertaining to the new
38 certificate of birth. Such seal shall not be broken except by:

39 (1) order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

40 (2) a written, notarized request for an uncertified, long-form
41 copy of the adopted person's original certificate of birth, which
42 complies with existing statutory and executive orders to allow the
43 identification of the requested information, submitted by:

44 (a) the adopted person 18 years of age or older,

45 (b) a direct descendant 18 years of age or older of the adopted
46 person if the adopted person is deceased, or

47 (c) the adoptive parent or guardian of a minor adopted person.

1 c. Thereafter whenever a certification or certified copy of a
2 certificate of birth of such person is issued, it shall be made from
3 the new certificate of birth except when an order of a court of
4 competent jurisdiction shall require the issuance of **[a]** an
5 uncertified, long-form copy of the original certificate of birth, or
6 upon a written, notarized request for an uncertified, long-form copy
7 of the adopted person's original certificate of birth, as provided in
8 subsection b. of this section, excluding any statistical data gathered
9 solely for the use of the State.

10 (cf: P.L.2005, c.81, s.3)

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12 2. (New section) a. During the 12-month period beginning on
13 the date of adoption of regulations by the Department of Health and
14 Senior Services to carry out the purposes of this act, a birth parent
15 of a person adopted prior to the date of enactment of this act may
16 submit to the State Registrar a written, notarized request for
17 nondisclosure or may make such a request to the State Registrar in
18 person. The request for nondisclosure shall prohibit the State
19 Registrar from providing the birth parent's name and home address,
20 as recorded on the adopted person's birth certificate, upon receipt of
21 a written, notarized request for an uncertified, long-form copy of
22 the adopted person's original certificate of birth pursuant to
23 subsection b. of R.S.26:8-40.1 from an adopted person, direct
24 descendant or adoptive parent or guardian authorized by that statute
25 to make such a request.

26 b. The State Registrar shall acknowledge, by mail, or if the
27 request is made in person, at the time the request is made, receipt of
28 the request for nondisclosure and shall enclose with the receipt a
29 family history form requesting medical, cultural and social history
30 regarding the birth parent, which the State Registrar shall require
31 the birth parent to complete to the best of the parent's knowledge
32 and return to the State Registrar within 60 days. The birth parent
33 may update the family history form, as necessary. Failure of a birth
34 parent to complete the form and return it within 60 days, upon
35 requesting nondisclosure, shall nullify the birth parent's request for
36 nondisclosure.

37 c. At any time following the request for nondisclosure, the
38 birth parent may rescind the request and the State Registrar shall
39 provide the identifying information concerning the birth parent to
40 the adopted person, direct descendant or adoptive parent or
41 guardian, upon request.

42 d. The State Registrar shall match the request for nondisclosure
43 and family history form with the adopted person's original
44 certificate of birth and retain the documents in the adopted person's
45 original certificate of birth file.

46 e. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section to the
47 contrary, in the case of a child who was surrendered pursuant to
48 P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et seq.) and upon receipt of

1 notification from the Division of Youth and Family Services in the
2 Department of Children and Families pursuant to subsection f. of
3 this section, the State Registrar shall deem that the birth parent of
4 the child has requested nondisclosure and shall not provide the birth
5 parent's name or home address, if the name or address is recorded
6 on the child's birth certificate, upon receipt of a written, notarized
7 request for an uncertified, long-form copy of the adopted person's
8 original certificate of birth pursuant to R.S.26:8-40.1.

9 f. The Division of Youth and Family Services in the
10 Department of Children and Families shall notify the State Registrar
11 when a child is surrendered pursuant to P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-
12 15.5 et seq.) to enable the Registrar to identify the certificate of
13 birth of the child who was so surrendered and deem that the birth
14 parent of the child has requested nondisclosure, as provided in
15 subsection e. of this section.

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17 3. (New section) a. Upon receipt of a written, notarized
18 request pursuant to subsection b. of R.S.26:8-40.1, the State
19 Registrar shall provide the authorized requester with an uncertified,
20 long-form copy of the adopted person's original certificate of birth.
21 The State Registrar shall include with the copy of the certificate of
22 birth a statement recommending that the requester contact the
23 approved agency or attorney who facilitated the adoption prior to
24 seeking contact with the adopted person's birth parent, and such
25 other information as specified in sections 4 and 6 of P.L. ,
26 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

27 b. If the birth parent of the adopted person has submitted a
28 request for nondisclosure pursuant to section 2 of P.L. ,
29 c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), the State
30 Registrar shall delete the name and home address of the birth parent
31 from the uncertified, long form copy of the original certificate of
32 birth, and provide a copy of the family history form submitted by
33 the birth parent with the certificate of birth.

34 c. The fee for the uncertified, original long-form certificate of
35 birth preceding an adoption shall be established by the
36 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, by regulation.

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38 4. (New section) a. A birth parent of an adopted person may
39 submit a document of contact preference to the State Registrar
40 indicating the birth parent's preference regarding contact with the
41 adopted person. The birth parent may change his preference at any
42 time by submitting a revised document of contact preference to the
43 State Registrar.

44 b. The document of contact preference shall be established by
45 the State Registrar, who shall provide a copy of the document to a
46 birth parent, upon request. The State Registrar shall also make the
47 document available for downloading from the official website of the
48 Department of Health and Senior Services.

1 c. The State Registrar shall require a birth parent who submits
2 a document of contact preference pursuant to this section to
3 complete a form providing updated family history information,
4 which includes medical, cultural and social history information
5 regarding the birth parent.

6 d. The document of contact preference shall provide the birth
7 parent with the following options from which the parent may select
8 one:

9 (1) "I would like to be contacted directly. I have completed a
10 document of contact preference and an updated family history form
11 and am submitting them to the State Registrar as set forth in this
12 document";

13 (2) "I would prefer to be contacted only through an intermediary.
14 I have completed a document of contact preference and an updated
15 family history form and am submitting them to the State Registrar
16 as set forth in this document. I would like the following named
17 individual to act as an intermediary _____"; or

18 (3) "I would prefer not to be contacted at this time. If I decide
19 later that I would like to be contacted, I will submit a revised
20 document of contact preference to the State Registrar. I have
21 completed a document of contact preference and an updated family
22 history form and am submitting them to the State Registrar as set
23 forth in this document."

24 e. The State Registrar shall request a birth parent who indicates
25 a preference for no contact by the adopted person to update the
26 family history information every 10 years until the birth parent
27 reaches the age of 40, and every five years thereafter.

28 f. The State Registrar shall match the completed document of
29 contact preference and family history form with the adopted
30 person's original certificate of birth and retain the documents in the
31 adopted person's original certificate of birth file.

32 g. Upon written, notarized request for an uncertified long-form
33 copy of an adopted person's original certificate of birth pursuant to
34 subsection b. of R.S.26:8-40.1, the State Registrar shall also provide
35 the authorized requester with a copy of the birth parent's document
36 of contact preference and the updated family history information, if
37 such a document or information has been submitted to the State
38 Registrar pursuant to this section.

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40 5. (New section) a. An adopted person 18 years of age or
41 older, a direct descendant 18 years of age or older of the adopted
42 person if the adopted person is deceased, or the adoptive parent or
43 guardian of a minor adopted person may obtain from an approved
44 agency or the attorney who facilitated the adoption any family
45 history information concerning the adopted person that is contained
46 in that person's adoption file, upon submission of a written,
47 notarized request to the agency or attorney.

48 Prior to providing any identifying information about a birth

1 parent or the parent's family, the agency or attorney, as applicable,
2 shall contact the State Registrar to receive written notification if the
3 birth parent has submitted a request for nondisclosure. If such a
4 request has been submitted, the agency or attorney shall not
5 disclose any identifying information about the birth parent or the
6 parent's family.

7 As used in this section, "family history information" includes
8 medical, cultural and social history information provided by the
9 adopted person's birth parent and maintained by an approved
10 agency or attorney who facilitated an adoption.

11 b. In the event that the adopted person was under the custody
12 of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of
13 Children and Families at the time of the person's adoption, the
14 person may request from the director of the division a statement,
15 based on the division's case file, that summarizes the circumstances
16 under which parental rights for the child were terminated.

17 c. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require the Division
18 of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Children and
19 Families to provide any identifying information about the birth
20 parents of a child who was surrendered pursuant to the provisions of
21 the "New Jersey Safe Haven Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.58
22 (C.30:4C-15.5 et seq.).

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24 6. (New section) a. The State Registrar, through the
25 Department of Health and Senior Services, shall prepare
26 information regarding counseling resources and the use of an
27 intermediary for the purpose of enabling an adopted person to make
28 contact with a birth parent. The information shall also include the
29 procedure for contacting the Director of the Division of Youth and
30 Family Services as provided in subsection b. of section 5 of P.L. ,
31 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

32 b. The State Registrar shall provide the information prepared
33 pursuant to subsection a. of this section to a person who requests an
34 uncertified, long-form copy of a birth certificate pursuant to
35 subsection b. of R.S.26:8-40.1 or the document of contact
36 preference.

37 c. The State Registrar shall make the information prepared
38 pursuant to subsection a. of this section available on the official
39 website of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

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41 7. (New section) a. A person, firm, partnership, corporation,
42 association or agency that has placed a child for adoption shall not
43 be liable in any civil or criminal action for damages resulting from
44 information provided by the State Registrar pursuant to this act.

45 b. An employee, agent or officer of the Department of Health
46 and Senior Services who is authorized by the Commissioner of
47 Health and Senior Services to disclose information relating to the
48 certification of birth pursuant to this act, shall not be liable for:

1 (1) disclosing information based on a written, notarized request
2 submitted in accordance with this act; and

3 (2) any error or inaccuracy in the information that is disclosed
4 after receipt of a written, notarized request submitted in accordance
5 with this act, and any consequence of that error or inaccuracy.

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7 8. (New section) Within two years after the date of enactment
8 of this act, the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in
9 consultation with the Commissioner of Children and Families, shall
10 provide to the Legislature in accordance with section 2 of P.L.1991,
11 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and make available to the public, a report on
12 the development and administration of the initiatives established
13 pursuant to sections 2 through 6 of this act. The report shall
14 include, but not be limited to, statistical, non-identifying data
15 regarding:

16 a. the number of uncertified, long-form copies of original birth
17 certificates that were provided to adopted persons, the direct
18 descendants of deceased adopted persons, and the adoptive parents
19 or guardians of minor adopted persons;

20 b. the number of requests for nondisclosure submitted by birth
21 parents;

22 c. the number of requests submitted by birth parents, through
23 the document of contact preference, for direct contact, contact by
24 an intermediary, and no contact, respectively; and

25 d. the number of family history forms submitted by birth
26 parents.

27 The report shall also make recommendations for any needed
28 changes in the requirements, regulations or State policy concerning
29 the initiatives established by this act.

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31 9. (New section) The Commissioner of Health and Senior
32 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and
33 Families, shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
34 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
35 seq.), which shall:

36 a. establish required information and procedures for the request
37 for nondisclosure and the document of contact preference;

38 b. establish required information and procedures for the family
39 history form and the form to update family history information; and

40 c. establish a nominal fee for services provided under this act,
41 to meet the costs of implementing this act.

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43 10. (New section) The Department of Health and Senior
44 Services shall contract with media outlets throughout the country to
45 produce and distribute national public service messages to increase
46 public awareness of and encourage participation in the initiatives
47 established pursuant to this act. The public service messages shall
48 inform the public of the procedures for: obtaining a long-form copy

1 of an adopted person's birth certificate; requesting nondisclosure;
2 submitting a document of contact preference; and submitting family
3 history information.

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5 11. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections 1,
6 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall take effect one year after the date of enactment,
7 but the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services may take such
8 administrative action in advance of the effective date as shall be
9 necessary for the implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill provides adult adopted persons and their adult
15 descendants and adoptive parents and guardians of minors access to
16 an adopted person's original birth certificate and other related
17 documents.

18 The bill amends N.J.S.A.26:8-40.1 to permit an adopted person
19 18 years of age or older, a direct descendant 18 years of age or
20 older of a deceased adopted person, or the adoptive parent or
21 guardian of a minor adopted person to obtain an uncertified, long-
22 form copy of the adopted person's original birth certificate, upon
23 submission of a written, notarized request to the State Registrar.
24 Under current law, the State Registrar is required to place the
25 adopted person's original birth certificate and all papers pertaining
26 to the new certificate of birth under seal.

27 The bill also amends N.J.S.A.26:8-40.1 to eliminate language
28 that allows the court, before which an adoption proceeding has
29 taken place, to order that the residence of the adopting parents
30 replace the place of birth on the birth certificate of an adopted child.
31 In the case of a foundling, the bill requires a court of competent
32 jurisdiction to designate the date and place of birth recorded on the
33 original birth certificate.

34 Access to the original, long-form copy of an adopted person's
35 birth certificate will begin one year after the date of enactment of
36 the bill. The delayed effective date will provide birth parents of
37 persons adopted prior to the date of enactment with a one-time, 12-
38 month period, beginning on the date the Department of Health and
39 Senior Services (DHSS) adopts regulations to implement the bill,
40 during which they may submit to the State Registrar a written,
41 notarized request for nondisclosure or make such a request to the
42 State Registrar in person. The request for nondisclosure would
43 prohibit the State Registrar from providing the birth parent's name
44 and home address, as recorded on the birth certificate, to the adult
45 adopted person or other persons authorized to request the birth
46 certificate. The State Registrar shall acknowledge receipt of the
47 request for nondisclosure and shall enclose with the receipt a family
48 history form requesting medical, cultural and social history

1 regarding the birth parent. The State Registrar shall require the
2 birth parent to complete the form to the best of the parent's
3 knowledge and return it to the State Registrar within 60 days. The
4 birth parent may update the family history form as necessary. (The
5 family history information will be provided to the adopted person
6 when the person requests a copy of his birth certificate.) Failure of a
7 birth parent to complete the form and return it within 60 days, upon
8 requesting nondisclosure, shall nullify the birth parent's request for
9 nondisclosure.

10 At any time following the request for nondisclosure, the birth
11 parent may rescind the request and the State Registrar shall provide
12 the identifying information concerning the birth parent to the
13 adopted person or other authorized person, upon request.

14 The bill provides, however, that in the case of a child who was
15 surrendered pursuant to the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant
16 Protection Act," the State Registrar shall deem that the birth parent
17 of the child has requested nondisclosure and shall not provide the
18 birth parent's name or home address, if the name or address is
19 recorded on the child's birth certificate, upon receipt of a written,
20 notarized request for an uncertified, long-form copy of the adopted
21 person's original certificate of birth. The Division of Youth and
22 Family Service (DYFS) in the Department of Children and Families
23 is directed to notify the State Registrar when a child is surrendered
24 pursuant to that law to enable the Registrar to identify the certificate
25 of birth of the child who was so surrendered and deem that the birth
26 parent of the child has requested nondisclosure.

27 In the case of birth parents who do not request nondisclosure or
28 whose child was adopted after the bill's enactment, the bill provides
29 an opportunity for these birth parents to indicate their preference
30 concerning contact with the adopted person, by filing a document
31 with the State Registrar that states whether the parent would prefer
32 direct contact with the adopted person, contact through the use of an
33 intermediary, or no contact. The birth parent may change his
34 preference at any time by submitting a revised document of contact
35 preference to the State Registrar.

36 Further, the bill provides that when a birth parent submits a
37 document of contact preference to the State Registrar, the birth
38 parent shall be required to also submit family history information.
39 The birth parent whose preference is no contact will be encouraged
40 to update the family history information every 10 years until the
41 birth parent reaches the age of 40, and every five years thereafter.
42 In order to ensure that an adopted person gains access to this family
43 history information, the State Registrar, upon receiving a request
44 for an original long-form birth certificate, would provide the
45 requester with information regarding the birth parent's preference
46 for contact, as well as any family history information that has been
47 submitted to the State Registrar by the birth parent.

48 The bill recognizes that family history information, which

1 includes medical, cultural and social history information about an
2 adopted person's birth parent, is important for an adopted person's
3 medical concerns and emotional health. Therefore, the bill also
4 provides that an adult adopted person or other authorized requester,
5 upon submission of a written request to the adoption agency or
6 attorney who facilitated the adoption, may obtain any existing
7 family history information concerning the adopted person.
8 However, prior to providing any identifying information about a
9 birth parent or the parent's family, the agency or attorney, as
10 applicable, shall contact the State Registrar to receive written
11 notification if the birth parent has submitted a request for
12 nondisclosure. If such a request has been submitted, the agency or
13 attorney shall not disclose any identifying information about the
14 birth parent or the parent's family. The bill also authorizes an
15 adopted person who was under the custody of DYFS at the time of
16 the person's adoption, to request from the director of the division a
17 statement, based on the division's case file, that summarizes the
18 circumstances under which parental rights for the child were
19 terminated.

20 The bill directs the State Registrar, through DHSS, to prepare
21 information regarding counseling resources and the use of an
22 intermediary for the purpose of enabling an adopted person to make
23 contact with a birth parent, and to provide this information to any
24 person requesting the original long-form birth certificate or a copy
25 of the document of contact preference, as well as make it available
26 on the department's official website.

27 Under the provisions of the bill, a person, firm, partnership,
28 corporation, association or agency that placed a child for adoption
29 shall not be liable in any civil or criminal action for damages
30 resulting from information provided by the State Registrar pursuant
31 to this bill.

32 The bill also provides immunity to an employee, agent or officer
33 of DHSS who is authorized by the Commissioner of Health and
34 Senior Services to disclose information relating to the certification
35 of birth. The immunity would apply to disclosure of information
36 based on a written, notarized request submitted in accordance with
37 this bill; and any error or inaccuracy in the information that is
38 disclosed after receipt of a written, notarized request submitted in
39 accordance with this bill, and any consequence of that error or
40 inaccuracy.

41 The bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior
42 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and
43 Families, to provide to the Legislature, and make available to the
44 public, a report on the development and administration of the
45 adoption-related initiatives established pursuant to the bill. The
46 report shall include statistical, nonidentifying data regarding:

47 -- the number of uncertified, long-form copies of original birth
48 certificates that were provided to adopted persons, the direct

1 descendants of adopted persons and the parents or guardians of
2 minor adopted persons;
3 -- the number of requests for nondisclosure submitted by birth
4 parents;
5 -- the number of requests submitted by birth parents, through the
6 document of contact preference, for direct contact, contact by an
7 intermediary and no contact; and
8 -- the number of family history forms submitted by birth
9 parents.

10 The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health and Senior
11 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and
12 Families, to adopt rules and regulations which shall:

13 -- establish required information and procedures for the request
14 for nondisclosure and the document of contact preference;
15 -- establish required information and procedures for the family
16 history form and the form to update family history information; and
17 -- establish a nominal fee for services provided under this bill, to
18 meet the costs of implementation.

19 The bill takes effect immediately; however, the provisions
20 concerning birth certificate access, document of contact preference
21 and access to family history information from adoption agencies
22 and attorneys take effect one year after the enactment date in order
23 to provide certain birth parents with the opportunity to request
24 nondisclosure.