

HB 1822 -- ADOPTION RECORDS

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This bill changes the law regarding the release of certain adoption records. If the state registrar releases a copy of an original birth certificate upon presentation of a court order entered in accordance with the provisions of the bill, the state registrar must issue an uncertified copy of the unaltered original birth certificate. The copy of the birth certificate must have the following statement printed on it: "For informational purposes only - not to be used for establishing identity." If the court discloses identifying information under the provisions of the bill, the court must also order release of copies of the following records of the adoption to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased:

- (1) The original birth certificate;
- (2) The consent to termination of parental rights;
- (3) Any waiver of consent to future adoption of the child;
- (4) The adoption decree; and
- (5) The petition for temporary custody and adoption.

When identifying information is withheld under the provisions of the bill due to a lack of consent or a failure to locate a biological parent, the court must order redaction of any withheld identifying information contained in the above listed documents. Only those documents in the possession of the court or other state agencies must be subject to release under these provisions.

This bill is the same as HB 1112 (2015).