

## HCS SS SCS SB 351 -- ADOPTION RECORDS

This bill changes the laws regarding adoption records. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows nonidentifying biological parent or sibling information regarding an adoptee to be furnished by the child-placing agency or the juvenile court upon written request to the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased;
- (2) Revises the provisions regarding an adopted adult obtaining identifying information of his or her undisclosed biological parents by making a request to the circuit court having original jurisdiction by allowing the identifying information to also be disclosed to the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased;
- (3) Requires the court to disclose identifying information regarding a biological parent to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased or under certain specified conditions if the biological parent is found to be deceased;
- (4) Requires only the biological parents to be notified about a request for identifying information. Currently, the adopted adult must make a request and follow a specified procedure for obtaining consent from both the adoptive and biological parents if prior consent has not been given through the child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel; and
- (5) Allows an adopted adult to obtain identifying information on adult siblings with the sibling's consent without the court having to find that the information is necessary for health-related purposes.