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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide that medical information pertaining to an
2 adopted child and that child's natural parents be filed
3 with the department of health.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section one hundred forty-four point forty-
2 three (144.43), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 To protect the integrity of vital statistics records, to
5 insure their proper use, and to insure the efficient and
6 proper administration of the vital statistics system kept
7 by the state registrar, access to vital statistics records
8 kept by the state registrar shall be limited to the state
9 registrar and his employees, and then only for administrative
10 purposes. It shall be unlawful for the state registrar to
11 permit inspection of, or to disclose information contained
12 in vital statistics records, or to copy or permit to be copied
13 all or part of any such record except as authorized by
14 regulation. For the purposes of this section, the records
15 required to be kept under the provisions of this Act shall
16 not be considered vital statistics, and such records shall
17 be disclosed to the adoptive parents or to the adopted person
18 who is an adult upon request.

19 Sec. 2. Section six hundred eight (600.8), subsection
20 four (4), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

21 4. A postplacement and a background information investiga-
22 tion and the reports of these investigations shall be com-
23 pleted and the reports filed with the court prior to the
24 holding of the adoption hearing prescribed in section 600.12.
25 A copy of the information compiled under subsection one (1),
26 paragraph c, subparagraphs one (1) and two (2) of this sec-
27 tion shall be filed with the department of health and shall
28 be open to inspection as provided in section one (1) of this
29 Act. Upon the filing of an adoption petition pursuant to
30 section 600.5, the court shall immediately appoint the de-
31 partment, an agency, or an investigator to conduct this
32 investigation and report. Any person, including a juvenile
33 court, who has gained relevant background information con-
34 cerning a minor person subject to an adoption petition shall,
35 upon request, fully cooperate with the conducting of the

1 background information investigation and report by disclos-
2 ing any relevant background information, whether contained
3 in sealed records or not.

4 Sec. 3. Section six hundred point sixteen (600.16), subsec-
5 tion one (1), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

6 1. Any information compiled under section 600.8, subsection
7 1, paragraph "c", subparagraphs (1) and (2) shall be provided
8 to the adopting parents by the investigating agency at the
9 time of the final adoption decree, and shall be made avail-
10 able upon request at any time by the clerk of the court, the
11 department, or any agency which made the placement to:

- 12 a. The adopting parents.
- 13 b. The adopted person who is an adult.
- 14 c. Any person approved by the department if the person
15 uses this information solely for the purposes of conducting
16 a legitimate research project or of treating a patient in
17 a medical facility.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides a central depository for family medi-
20 cal information of adopted persons and provides adopting
21 parents and adult adopted persons with ready access to that
22 information. In addition, it mandates that a copy of the
23 information be provided the adopting parents at the time of
24 the adoption decree.

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