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SENATE FILE **2073**

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Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the establishment of paternity of a child prior  
2 to adoption.

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

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**S.F. 2073**

1 Section 1. Section 600A.4, subsection 2, Code 1993, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Shall be preceded by the establishment  
4 of paternity of a child, if the biological mother of the child  
5 is not married to the biological father of the child at the  
6 time of the birth or conception of the child, through the use  
7 of blood or genetic testing of any potential biological father  
8 identified by the biological mother. Documentation of the  
9 results of the test which establishes paternity shall be  
10 attached to the written release of custody.

11 Sec. 2. Section 600A.5, subsection 3, Code 1993, is  
12 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. (1) A copy of the written release of  
14 custody with attached documentation regarding establishment of  
15 paternity to the extent required pursuant to section 600A.4,  
16 subsection 2, if grounds for termination are the grounds  
17 described pursuant to section 600A.8, subsection 1.

18 (2) Documentation of the establishment of paternity  
19 through blood or genetic testing of any potential biological  
20 father identified by the biological mother if the biological  
21 mother was not married to the biological father of the child  
22 at the time of the child's birth or conception if grounds for  
23 termination are described in section 600A.8, subsection 2.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires that a release of custody be preceded by  
26 establishment of the paternity of a child through use of blood  
27 or genetic testing of any potential biological father whom the  
28 biological mother has identified if the biological mother of  
29 the child is not married to the biological father of the child  
30 at the time of the child's birth or conception. Documentation  
31 of the results of the test are to accompany the written  
32 release of custody. The bill also requires that if the  
33 grounds for termination are a nonrevoked release of custody,  
34 the written release of custody and the documentation regarding  
35 establishment of paternity are to be included with the

1 petition for termination of parental rights and that if the  
2 grounds for termination are that a parent has petitioned for  
3 termination of the parent's rights, that documentation  
4 regarding establishment of paternity is also to be included  
5 with the petition for termination.

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