600.16 Adoption record — penalty for violations.

1. Any information compiled under section 600.8, subsection 1, paragraph *"c"*, relating to medical and developmental histories shall be made available at any time by the clerk of court, the department, or any adoption service provider that made the placement to:

a. The adopting parents.

b. The adopted person, provided that person is an adult at the time the request for information is made. For the purposes of this paragraph *"adult"* means a person twenty-one years of age or older or a person who attains majority by marriage.

c. Any person approved by the department if the person uses this information solely for the purposes of conducting a legitimate medical research project or of treating a patient in a medical facility.

d. A descendant of an adopted person.

2. Information regarding an adopted person's existing medical and developmental history and family medical history, which meets the definition of background information in section 600.8, subsection 1, paragraph *"c"*, shall be made available as provided in subsection 1. However, the identity of the adopted person's biological parents shall not be disclosed.

3. The provisions of this section also apply to information collected pursuant to section 600A.4, pertaining to the family medical history, medical and developmental history, and social history of the person to be adopted.

4. Any person other than the adopting parents or the adopted person, who discloses information in violation of this section, is guilty of a simple misdemeanor for the first offense, a serious misdemeanor for a second offense, and an aggravated misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense.

[C46, §600.9; C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §600.9, 600.10; C77, 79, 81, §600.16]

89 Acts, ch 102, §7; 91 Acts, ch 243, §3; 92 Acts, ch 1142, §1; 92 Acts, ch 1196, §3; 94 Acts, ch 1046, §16; 94 Acts, ch 1174, §10, 11, 22; 99 Acts, ch 138, §5; 2017 Acts, ch 113, §10

Referred to in §237.21, 238.24, 600.16B, 600A.4