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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the updating and provision of certain
2 information regarding an adopted child.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 600.16C SUBSEQUENT MEDICAL AND
2 SOCIAL INFORMATION.

3 1. The biological parent of an adopted child shall provide
4 updated family medical and social history information for
5 placement in the adoption record of the adopted child as
6 described in section 600A.4, subsection 2, paragraph "f", on
7 an ongoing basis and at least once every five years following
8 entry of the final adoption decree.

9 2. The updated information is subject to the limitations
10 on availability of information and the penalties provided for
11 violation of the law pursuant to sections 600.16 and 600.16A.

12 Sec. 2. Section 600A.4, subsection 2, paragraph f,
13 unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1999, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 A biological parent ~~may also~~ shall provide ongoing
16 information ~~to the adoptive parents~~, as additional medical or
17 social history information becomes known, and at least once
18 every five years following entry of the final adoption decree,
19 by providing information to the clerk of court, the department
20 of human services, or the agency which made the placement, and
21 may provide the current address of the biological parent. The
22 clerk of court, the department of human services, or the
23 agency which made the placement shall place the information in
24 the adopted child's file and shall transmit the information to
25 the adoptive parents if the address of the adoptive parents is
26 known.

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EXPLANATION

28 This bill requires the biological parent of an adopted
29 child to provide family social and medical information to be
30 included in the adoption record of the child and provided to
31 the adoptive parent if the address of the adoptive parent is
32 known, on an ongoing basis and at least once every five years
33 following the entry of the final adoption decree. The
34 information is to be provided to the clerk of court, the
35 department of human services, or the agency which made the

1 placement. The department of human services is to provide the
2 forms for the collection of this information. The existing
3 limitations on availability of the information and the
4 existing penalties for releasing the information in violation
5 of the law are applicable. The penalties for release of the
6 information in violation of the law are generally a simple
7 misdemeanor for a first offense, a serious misdemeanor for a
8 second offense, and an aggravated misdemeanor for a third or
9 subsequent offense.

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