

IC 31-19-17

Chapter 17. Preparation of Adoption History for Adoptive Parents

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Application of chapter

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, this chapter applies only to an adoption that is granted after June 30, 1993.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.100-2005, SEC.1.

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Report of medical, psychological, and educational records of birth parents

Sec. 2. A person, a licensed child placing agency, or a county office of family and children placing a child for adoption shall prepare or cause to be prepared a report summarizing the available medical, psychological, and educational records of the person or agency concerning the birth parents. The person, agency, or county office shall exclude from this report information that would identify the birth parents unless the prospective adoptive parents know the identity of the birth parents. The person, agency, or county office shall give the report to:

- (1) the prospective adoptive parents:
 - (A) at the time the home study or evaluation concerning the suitability of the proposed home for the child is commenced;
 - (B) as soon as practical after the prospective adoptive parents are matched with the birth mother; or
 - (C) with the consent of the prospective adoptive parents, not more than thirty (30) days after the child is placed with the prospective adoptive parents; and
- (2) upon request and without information that would identify the birth parents unless an adoptee already knows the identity of the birth parents, an adoptee who:
 - (A) is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
 - (B) provides proof of identification.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.197-1997, SEC.22; P.L.100-2005, SEC.2; P.L.129-2005, SEC.4; P.L.58-2009, SEC.25; P.L.162-2011, SEC.17.

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Exclusion of information identifying birth parent; release of records concerning child to adoptive parents and adoptee

Sec. 3. The person, licensed child placing agency, or county office shall:

- (1) exclude information that would identify the birth parents unless the prospective adoptive parent or the adoptive parent under subdivision (2)(A) or an adoptee under subdivision (2)(B) who requests the information knows the identity of the birth parents; and
- (2) release all available social, medical, psychological, and educational records concerning the child to:

- (A) the prospective adoptive parent or the adoptive parent;
and
- (B) upon request, an adoptee who:
 - (i) is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
 - (ii) provides proof of identification.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.197-1997, SEC.23; P.L.100-2005, SEC.3; P.L.1-2006, SEC.497; P.L.58-2009, SEC.26; P.L.131-2009, SEC.23; P.L.1-2010, SEC.124; P.L.162-2011, SEC.18.

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Summary of social, medical, psychological, and educational records of child

Sec. 4. The person, licensed child placing agency, or county office shall provide:

- (1) the prospective adoptive parent or the adoptive parent; and
- (2) upon request, an adoptee who:
 - (A) is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
 - (B) provides proof of identification;

with a summary of other existing social, medical, psychological, and educational records concerning the child of which the person, agency, or county office has knowledge but does not have possession. If requested by a prospective adoptive parent, an adoptive parent, or an adoptee, the person, agency, or county office shall attempt to provide the prospective adoptive parent, the adoptive parent, or the adoptee with a copy of any social, medical, psychological, or educational record that is not in the possession of the person, agency, or county office, after identifying information has been excluded.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.197-1997, SEC.24; P.L.100-2005, SEC.4; P.L.1-2006, SEC.498; P.L.131-2009, SEC.24; P.L.162-2011, SEC.19.

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Information of social, medical, psychological, and educational records concerning child for adoption granted before July 1, 1993; excluding information identifying birth parent

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to an adoption that is granted before July 1, 1993.

- (b) Upon the request of an adoptee who:
 - (1) is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
 - (2) provides proof of identification;

a person, a licensed child placing agency, or a county office shall provide to the adoptee available information of social, medical, psychological, and educational records and reports concerning the adoptee. The person, licensed child placing agency, or county office shall exclude from the records information that would identify the birth parents unless an adoptee already knows the identity of the birth parents.

As added by P.L.100-2005, SEC.5. Amended by P.L.1-2006,

*SEC.499; P.L.58-2009, SEC.27; P.L.131-2009, SEC.25; P.L.1-2010,
SEC.125.*