

By Senator Rader

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to adoptee birth certificates;
3 amending s. 382.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4 Health to issue a noncertified copy of an original
5 certificate of birth to certain adoptees if certain
6 requirements are met; providing that an adoptee does
7 not need his or her adoptive parents' permission to
8 receive such certificate of birth; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Present subsections (5) and (6) of section
14 382.015, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) and
15 (7), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that
16 section, to read:

17 382.015 New certificates of live birth; duty of clerks of
18 court and department; noncertified copy of original certificate
19 of birth.—The clerk of the court in which any proceeding for
20 adoption, annulment of an adoption, affirmation of parental
21 status, or determination of paternity is to be registered, shall
22 within 30 days after the final disposition, forward to the
23 department a certified copy of the court order, or a report of
24 the proceedings upon a form to be furnished by the department,
25 together with sufficient information to identify the original
26 birth certificate and to enable the preparation of a new birth
27 certificate. The clerk of the court shall implement a monitoring
28 and quality control plan to ensure that all judicial
29 determinations of paternity are reported to the department in

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30 compliance with this section. The department shall track
31 paternity determinations reported monthly by county, monitor
32 compliance with the 30-day timeframe, and report the data to the
33 clerks of the court quarterly.

34 (5) NONCERTIFIED COPY OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.—A
35 noncertified copy of an original certificate of birth is a
36 summary of the original certificate of birth, similar in form to
37 a certified copy of an original certificate of birth, that
38 consists of only the full names and ages of the birth parents,
39 the date when the child was born, the county where the child was
40 born, and the full name given to the child at birth.

41 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an adoptee
42 who is of legal age, or if the adoptee is deceased, a descendant
43 of the adoptee who is of legal age, may apply to the department
44 for a noncertified copy of the adoptee's original certificate of
45 birth. The department shall issue a noncertified copy of the
46 original certificate of birth within 45 days after receipt of
47 the application if the application complies with the
48 requirements of this subsection.

49 (b) An adoptee, or a descendant of the adoptee, may apply
50 for adoption registry services through the Florida Adoption
51 Reunion Registry (FARR) and connect with at least one of the
52 adoptee's birth parents before applying to the department for a
53 noncertified copy of an original certificate of birth. An
54 adoptee, or a descendant of the adoptee, must attach written
55 proof to the application that a connection with a birth parent
56 was made.

57 (c) The permission of an adoptee's adoptive parents is not
58 required for an adoptee, or a descendant of the adoptee, to

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59 receive a noncertified copy of an original certificate of birth
60 under this subsection.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.