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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Rader) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 63.162, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

63.162 Hearings and records in adoption proceedings;  
confidential nature.—

(4) (a) A person may ~~not~~ disclose the following from the  
records without a court order ~~the name and identity of a birth~~



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11 ~~parent, an adoptive parent, or an adoptee unless:~~

12       ~~1.(a)~~ 1.(a) The name and identity of the birth parent if the  
13 birth parent authorizes in writing the release of his or her  
14 name;

15       ~~2.(b)~~ 2.(b) The name and identity of the adoptee, if the adoptee  
16 is 18 or more years of age or older and ~~r~~ authorizes in writing  
17 the release of his or her name; or, if the adoptee is less than  
18 18 years of age, written consent to disclose the adoptee's name  
19 is obtained from an adoptive parent; or

20       ~~3.(c)~~ 3.(c) The name and identity of the adoptive parent if the  
21 adoptive parent authorizes in writing the release of his or her  
22 name. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

23       ~~(b)(d)~~ (b)(d) A person may disclose from the records the name and  
24 identity of a birth parent, an adoptive parent, or an adoptee  
25 upon order of the court for good cause shown. In determining  
26 whether good cause exists, the court shall give primary  
27 consideration to the best interests of the adoptee, but must  
28 also give due consideration to the interests of the adoptive and  
29 birth parents. Factors to be considered in determining whether  
30 good cause exists include, but are not limited to:

31           1. The reason the information is sought;

32           2. The existence of means available to obtain the desired  
33 information without disclosing the identity of the birth  
34 parents, such as by having the court, a person appointed by the  
35 court, the department, or the licensed child-placing agency  
36 contact the birth parents and request specific information;

37           3. The desires, to the extent known, of the adoptee, the  
38 adoptive parents, and the birth parents;

39           4. The age, maturity, judgment, and expressed needs of the



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40 adoptee; and

41         5. The recommendation of the department, licensed child-  
42 placing agency, or professional which prepared the preliminary  
43 study and home investigation, or the department if no such study  
44 was prepared, concerning the advisability of disclosure.

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

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47 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

48 And the title is amended as follows:

49         Delete everything before the enacting clause  
50 and insert:

51                         A bill to be entitled  
52         An act relating to adoption records; amending s.  
53         63.162, F.S.; providing that the name and identity of  
54         a birth parent, an adoptive parent, and an adoptee may  
55         be disclosed from the adoption records without a court  
56         order under certain circumstances; providing an  
57         effective date.