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3 By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that all individuals
8 and organizations involved in placing children for adoption, including
9 the department of social and health services, have a legal and moral
10 obligation to provide information required to be gathered through the
11 provisions of chapter 26.33 RCW to prospective adoptive parents before
12 the physical placement of children for adoption.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.33.350 and 1994 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) Every person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state
16 agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a minor
17 child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior to
18 placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child has
19 been placed by adoption a complete medical report containing all known
20 and available information concerning the mental, physical, and sensory
21 handicaps of the child. For the purposes of this section, a person
22 becomes a "prospective adopting parent" by no later than when the
23 parental rights of the birth parents of the particular child the person
24 is interested in adopting have been terminated and all individuals and
25 entities that have submitted preplacement reports agree the person is
26 fit to become an adoptive parent.

27 (2) The report shall not reveal the identity of the birth parent of
28 the child except as authorized under this chapter but shall include any
29 known or available mental or physical health history of the birth
30 parent that needs to be known by the adoptive parent to facilitate
31 proper health care for the child or that will assist the adoptive
32 parent in maximizing the developmental potential of the child.

33 (3) Where known or available, the information provided shall
34 include:

1 (a) A review of the birth family's and the child's previous medical
2 history, including the child's x-rays, examinations, hospitalizations,
3 and immunizations. After July 1, 1992, medical histories shall be
4 given on a standardized reporting form developed by the department;

5 (b) A physical exam of the child by a licensed physician with
6 appropriate laboratory tests and x-rays;

7 (c) A referral to a specialist if indicated; and

8 (d) A written copy of the evaluation with recommendations to the
9 adoptive family receiving the report.

10 (4) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under
11 this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and
12 information concerning the child's mental, physical, and sensory
13 handicaps. The entities or persons providing the information have no
14 duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the
15 records or information regarding the child's present or future health.

16 (5) Every person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state
17 agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a minor
18 child who transmits the information required under this section to the
19 prospective adopting parent shall provide to the prospective adopting
20 parent a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that they have
21 provided a complete medical report containing all known and available
22 information concerning the mental, physical, and sensory handicaps of
23 the child."

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27 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "adoption;" strike the
28 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 26.33.350; and creating
29 a new section."

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