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By Senators McAuliffe, Owen, Prentice and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption; and amending RCW 26.33.350 and  
2 26.33.380.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.33.350 and 1991 c 136 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every person, firm, society, association, ((or)) corporation,  
7 or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for  
8 a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior  
9 to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child  
10 has been placed by adoption a complete medical report containing all  
11 reasonably available information concerning the mental, physical, and  
12 sensory handicaps of the child. The report ((shall)) need not reveal  
13 the identity of the ((natural)) birth parent of the child but shall  
14 include any reasonably available mental or physical health history of  
15 the ((natural)) birth parent that needs to be known by the adoptive  
16 parent to facilitate proper health care for the child or that will  
17 assist the adoptive parent in maximizing the developmental potential of  
18 the child.

1 (2) Where reasonably available, the information provided shall  
2 include:

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

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

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

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

13 (3) Every person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state  
14 agency discharging in good faith its responsibility at any time, under  
15 this section, shall incur no liability, civil or criminal, that  
16 otherwise might result.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.33.380 and 1993 c 81 s 4 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 Every person, firm, society, association, ~~((or))~~ corporation, or  
20 state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for a  
21 minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior to  
22 placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child has  
23 been placed by adoption, a family background and child and family  
24 social history report, which includes a chronological history of the  
25 circumstances surrounding the adoptive placement and any available  
26 psychiatric reports, psychological reports, court reports pertaining to  
27 dependency or custody, or school reports. Such reports or information  
28 shall not reveal the identity of the birth parents of the child but  
29 shall contain reasonably available nonidentifying information. Every  
30 person, firm, society, association, corporation, or state agency  
31 discharging in good faith its responsibility at any time, under this  
32 section, shall incur no liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise  
33 might result.

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