

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2529**

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1994 Regular Session

ADOPTIONS--BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

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Yeas 93 Nays 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1994  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 30, 1994

MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2529** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

MARILYN SHOWALTER

**Chief Clerk**

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March 30, 1994 - 1:20 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**State of Washington                      53rd Legislature                      1994 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Karahalios, Veloria and Mielke)

Read first time 02/04/94.

1            AN ACT Relating to adoption; amending RCW 26.33.350 and 26.33.380;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW.

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 known and available information concerning the mental, physical, and  
12 sensory handicaps of the child.

13            (2) The report shall not reveal the identity of the ~~((natural))~~  
14 birth parent of the child except as authorized under this chapter but  
15 shall include any known or available mental or physical health history  
16 of the ~~((natural))~~ birth parent that needs to be known by the adoptive  
17 parent to facilitate proper health care for the child or that will  
18 assist the adoptive parent in maximizing the developmental potential of  
19 the child.

1       (~~(2)~~) (3) Where known or available, the information provided  
2 shall include:

3       (a) A review of the birth family's and the child's previous medical  
4 history, (~~if available,~~) including the child's x-rays, examinations,  
5 hospitalizations, and immunizations. After July 1, 1992, medical  
6 histories shall be given on a standardized reporting form developed by  
7 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       (4) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under  
14 this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and  
15 information concerning the child's mental, physical, and sensory  
16 handicaps. The entities or persons providing the information have no  
17 duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the  
18 records or information regarding the child's present or future health.

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

21       (1) Every person, firm, society, association, (~~or~~) corporation,  
22 or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for  
23 a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior  
24 to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child  
25 has been placed by adoption, a family background and child and family  
26 social history report, which includes a chronological history of the  
27 circumstances surrounding the adoptive placement and any available  
28 psychiatric reports, psychological reports, court reports pertaining to  
29 dependency or custody, or school reports. Such reports or information  
30 shall not reveal the identity of the birth parents of the child but  
31 shall contain reasonably available nonidentifying information.

32       (2) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under  
33 this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and  
34 information concerning the child's family background and social  
35 history. The entities or persons providing the information have no  
36 duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the  
37 records or information regarding the child's mental or physical health.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The department shall adopt rules, in consultation with affected  
4 parties, establishing minimum standards for making reasonable efforts  
5 to locate records and information relating to adoptions as required  
6 under RCW 26.33.350 and 26.33.380.

      Passed the House March 7, 1994.

      Passed the Senate March 2, 1994.

      Approved by the Governor March 30, 1994.

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