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ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 197

DIGEST OF SB 197 (Updated March 11, 2019 12:53 pm - DI 123)

Citations Affected: IC 31-19.

Synopsis: Copies of identifying adoption information. Provides that a person releasing identifying adoption information must, upon request by the individual requesting the identifying information, provide copies of the identifying information to the individual. Makes a correction regarding exceptions to the release of identifying information.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Head, Merritt, Buck,
Randolph Lonnie M
(HOUSE SPONSOR — STEUERWALD)

January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 10, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 14, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.
January 24, 2019, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 26, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 11, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 31-19-25-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
2 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) The following may request the release of
4 identifying information:
5 (1) An adoptee who is an adult.
6 (2) A birth parent.
7 (3) An adoptive parent.
8 (4) The spouse or relative of a deceased adoptee.
9 (5) The spouse or relative of a deceased birth parent.
10 (b) Except as **otherwise** provided ~~in sections 3, 15, and 17 of this~~
11 ~~chapter and subject to sections 2.5 and 21 of~~ **under** this chapter, upon
12 a request for the release of identifying information under subsection
13 (a):
14 (1) the state registrar;
15 (2) the department;
16 (3) a local office;
17 (4) a licensed child placing agency;

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1 (5) a professional health care provider;
2 (6) the attorney who arranged the adoption; and
3 (7) a court;
4 shall release identifying information in the person's possession to the
5 individual requesting the release of identifying information only if the
6 adoptee has submitted a written consent under IC 31-19-21 to the state
7 registrar or the person from whom the release of identifying
8 information is requested for release of identifying information to the
9 individual requesting the release of identifying information.
10 **(c) A person releasing identifying information under subsection**
11 **(b) shall, upon request by the individual requesting the identifying**
12 **information, provide copies of the identifying information to the**
13 **requesting individual described under subsection (a).**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 197, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 197 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill 197, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) A person releasing identifying information under subsection (b) shall, upon request by the individual requesting the identifying information, provide copies of the identifying information to the requesting individual described under subsection (a)."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 197 as printed January 11, 2019.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

