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HOUSE BILL 199

Short Title: Adoption Information Disclosure.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives S. Thompson; Greenwood and Huffman.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT MORE NONIDENTIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING
ADOPTees AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS TO BE DISCLOSED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 48-25(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~certain~~—nonidentifying information, if known, shall be given by the county department of social services or licensed child-placing agency which has such information in writing on a form provided by the Department of Human Resources to the adoptive parent or parents not later than the date of finalization of the adoption proceedings. The information described in this subsection, if known, shall, upon written request ~~of the adoptee~~, be made available to the adoptee upon his reaching the age of 21 and to the adoptee's biological parent. This information or any part thereof may be withheld only if it is of such a nature that it would tend to identify the adoptee or a biological relative of the adoptee. For any adoption completed prior to July 10, 1981, the information described in this subsection, if available, shall be given in writing to the adoptive parent or parents or legal guardian of any minor ~~adoptee-adoptee~~, a biological parent of the adoptee, or to any adoptee who has reached the age of 21 years upon written request by such person to the agency which has the information. ~~The nonidentifying information, if known, may include only the following:~~

- (1) ~~Date of the birth of the adoptee and his weight at birth;~~
- (2) ~~Age of biological parents in years, not dates of birth, at birth of the adoptee;~~

- 1 ~~(3) Heritage of biological parents which shall consist of nationality, ethnic~~
2 ~~background, and race;~~
3 ~~(4) Education, which shall be the number of years of school completed by~~
4 ~~the biological parents at the time of birth of the adoptee;~~
5 ~~(5) General physical appearance of the biological parents at the time of~~
6 ~~birth of the adoptee in terms of height, weight, color of hair, eyes,~~
7 ~~skin."~~
8 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.