

HB 252 -- Adoption Records

Sponsor: Fraser

Currently, the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services maintains a registry whereby birth parents and adopted adults may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other. Adopted adults must petition a court to obtain identifying information regarding their biological parents. This bill allows courts to directly disclose identifying information to an adopted adult upon their written request if their biological parents or adult siblings have consented in writing to the disclosure. Adult siblings are also allowed to participate in the registry.

The definitions for "adopted adult" and "adult sibling" are changed to include those who are 18 years of age or over. The definition of "adopted child" is changed to include any adopted person who is less than 18 years of age.