

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing Section
5 18.4 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 50/18.4) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.4)

7 Sec. 18.4. Information provided to adoptive parents. (a)
8 The agency, Department of Children and Family Services, Court
9 Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court,
10 or the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court involved in the
11 adoption proceedings shall give in writing the following
12 non-identifying information, if known, to the adoptive parents
13 not later than the date of placement with the petitioning
14 adoptive parents: (i) age of biological parents; (ii) their
15 race, religion and ethnic background; (iii) general physical
16 appearance of biological parents; (iv) their education,
17 occupation, hobbies, interests and talents; (v) existence of
18 any other children born to the biological parents; (vi)
19 information about biological grandparents; reason for
20 emigrating into the United States, if applicable, and country
21 of origin; (vii) relationship between biological parents;
22 (viii) detailed medical and mental health histories of the
23 child, the biological parents, and their immediate relatives;

1 (ix) the actual date and place of birth of the adopted person;
2 ~~and~~ (x) the reason or reasons the birth parent or parents
3 stated for placing the child for adoption, how and why the
4 adoptive parent or parents were selected and who selected the
5 adoptive parent or parents, and whether the birth parent or
6 parents requested or agreed to post-adoption contact with the
7 child at the time of placement, and, if so, the frequency and
8 type of contact; and (xi) whether the child was placed in
9 foster care before adoption, and if so, available information
10 about significant developmental milestones observed or
11 documented that occurred while the child was placed under the
12 custody and guardianship of the Department. This information
13 may include, but is not limited to, the child's first steps,
14 first words, toilet training, and other notable developmental
15 progress. However, no information provided under this
16 subsection shall disclose the name or last known address of
17 the biological parents, grandparents, the siblings of the
18 biological parents, the adopted person, or any other relative
19 of the adopted person. Disclosure under this subsection is
20 subject to applicable State or federal confidentiality laws.
21 On or before January 1, 2027, the Department of Children and
22 Family Services shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
23 the changes made to this subsection by this amendatory Act of
24 the 104th General Assembly.

25 (b) Any adoptee 18 years of age or over shall be given the
26 information in subsection (a) upon request.

1 (c) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release any
2 non-identifying information listed in (a) of this Section that
3 appears on the certified copy of the original birth
4 certificate or the Certificate of Adoption to an adopted
5 person, adoptive parent, or legal guardian who is a registrant
6 of the Illinois Adoption Registry.

7 (d) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the
8 actual date and place of birth of an adopted person who is 21
9 years of age or over to the birth parent if the birth parent is
10 a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry and has
11 completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

12 (e) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release
13 information regarding the date the adoption was finalized and
14 the county in which the adoption was finalized to a certified
15 confidential intermediary upon submission of a court order.

16 (f) In cases where the Illinois Adoption Registry
17 possesses information indicating that an adopted person who is
18 21 years of age or over was adopted in a state other than
19 Illinois or a country other than the United States, the
20 Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the name of the state
21 or country where the adoption was finalized and, if available,
22 the agency involved in the adoption to a registrant of the
23 Illinois Adoption Registry, provided the registrant is not the
24 subject of a Denial of Information Exchange and the registrant
25 has completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

26 (g) Any of the above available information for any

1 adoption proceedings completed before the effective date of
2 this Act shall be supplied to the adoptive parents or an
3 adoptee 18 years of age or over upon request.

4 (h) The agency, Department of Children and Family
5 Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the
6 Circuit Court, the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court and
7 any other governmental bodies having any of the above
8 information shall retain the file until the adoptee would have
9 reached the age of 99 years.

10 (Source: P.A. 99-832, eff. 1-1-17.)