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Adoption Reform

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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4186		
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 4186, AS AMENDED,		
3	with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment No.		
4	1, on page 1, line 5, by replacing "5 and 35.1" with "5, 25, and		
5	35.1"; and		
6	on page 20, lines 23 and 24, by deleting ", to be conducted at		
7	<pre>least annually"; and</pre>		
8	on page 21, line 30, after " <u>payments</u> ", by inserting " <u>to</u>		
9	<pre>caregivers"; and</pre>		
10	on page 22, after line 26, by inserting the following:		
11	"(20 ILCS 505/25) (from Ch. 23, par. 5025)		
12	Sec. 25. <u>Grants, gifts, or legacies; Putative Father</u>		
13	Registry fees.		
14	(a) To accept and hold in behalf of the State, if for the		
15	public interest, a grant, gift or legacy of money or property		
16	to the State of Illinois, to the Department, or to any		
17	institution or program of the Department made in trust for the		
18	maintenance or support of a resident of an institution of the		
19	Department, or for any other legitimate purpose connected with		
20	such institution or program. The Department shall cause each		
21	gift, grant or legacy to be kept as a distinct fund, and shall		
22	invest the same in the manner provided by the laws of this		

State as the same now exist, or shall hereafter be enacted, 1 2 relating to securities in which the deposit in savings banks 3 may be invested. But the Department may, in its discretion, 4 deposit in a proper trust company or savings bank, during the 5 continuance of the trust, any fund so left in trust for the life of a person, and shall adopt rules and regulations 6 7 governing the deposit, transfer, or withdrawal of such fund. The Department shall on the expiration of any trust as provided 8 in any instrument creating the same, dispose of the fund 9 10 thereby created in the manner provided in such instrument. The Department shall include in its required reports a statement 11 12 showing what funds are so held by it and the condition thereof. Monies found on residents at the time of their admission, or 13 14 accruing to them during their period of institutional care, and 15 monies deposited with the superintendents by relatives, quardians or friends of residents for the special comfort and 16 pleasure of such resident, shall remain in the custody of such 17 18 superintendents who shall act as trustees for disbursement to, 19 in behalf of, or for the benefit of such resident. All types of 20 retirement and pension benefits from private and public sources 21 may be paid directly to the superintendent of the institution where the person is a resident, for deposit to the resident's 22 23 trust fund account.

(b) The Department shall hold all Putative Father Registry fees collected under Section 12.1 of the Adoption Act in a distinct fund for the Department's use in maintaining the Putative Father Registry. The Department shall invest the moneys in the fund in the same manner as moneys in the funds described in subsection (a) and shall include in its required reports a statement showing the condition of the fund.

31 (Source: P.A. 83-1362.)"; and

32 on page 39, lines 3 and 4, by replacing "Section 18.3" with 33 "Sections 12.1 and 18.3"; and 09400HB4186ham002

on page 39, after line 4, by inserting the following: 1

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"(750 ILCS 50/12.1)

3 Sec. 12.1. Putative Father Registry. The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a Putative Father 4 Registry for the purpose of determining the identity and 5 6 location of a putative father of a minor child who is, or is 7 expected to be, the subject of an adoption proceeding, in order to provide notice of such proceeding to the putative father. 8 The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish 9 10 rules and informational material necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. The Department shall have the 11 12 authority to set reasonable fees for the use of the Registry. 13 All such fees for the use of the Registry that are received by the Department or its agent shall be deposited into the fund 14 authorized under subsection (b) of Section 25 of the Children 15 and Family Services Act. The Department shall use the moneys in 16 that fund for the purpose of maintaining the Registry. 17

18 (a) The Department shall maintain the following 19 information in the Registry:

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(1) With respect to the putative father:

(i) Name, including any other names by which the 21 22 putative father may be known and that he may provide to 23 the Registry;

24 (ii) Address at which he may be served with notice 25 of a petition under this Act, including any change of 26 address;

(iii) Social Security Number;

(iv) Date of birth; and

(v) If applicable, a certified copy of an order by a court of this State or of another state or territory of the United States adjudicating the putative father to be the father of the child. 32

birth of the child.

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(2) With respect to the mother of the child: 1 (i) Name, including all other names known to the 2 putative father by which the mother may be known; 3 4 (ii) If known to the putative father, her last 5 address; (iii) Social Security Number; and 6 7 (iv) Date of birth. 8 (3) If known to the putative father, the name, gender, place of birth, and date of birth or anticipated date of 9

11 (4) The date that the Department received the putative12 father's registration.

(5) Other information as the Department may by rule
determine necessary for the orderly administration of the
Registry.

(b) A putative father may register with the Department before the birth of the child but shall register no later than 30 days after the birth of the child. All registrations shall be in writing and signed by the putative father. No fee shall be charged for the initial registration. The Department shall have no independent obligation to gather the information to be maintained.

(c) An interested party, including persons intending to 23 adopt a child, a child welfare agency with whom the mother has 24 25 placed or has given written notice of her intention to place a 26 child for adoption, the mother of the child, or an attorney 27 representing an interested party may request that the 28 Department search the Registry to determine whether a putative 29 father is registered in relation to a child who is or may be 30 the subject to an adoption petition.

31 (d) A search of the Registry may be proven by the 32 production of a certified copy of the registration form, or by 33 the certified statement of the administrator of the Registry 34 that after a search, no registration of a putative father in relation to a child who is or may be the subject of an adoption
 petition could be located.

3 (e) Except as otherwise provided, information contained 4 within the Registry is confidential and shall not be published 5 or open to public inspection.

6 (f) A person who knowingly or intentionally registers false 7 information under this Section commits a Class B misdemeanor. A 8 person who knowingly or intentionally releases confidential 9 information in violation of this Section commits a Class B 10 misdemeanor.

11 (g) Except as provided in subsections (b) or (c) of Section 12 8 of this Act, a putative father who fails to register with the 13 Putative Father Registry as provided in this Section is barred 14 from thereafter bringing or maintaining any action to assert 15 any interest in the child, unless he proves by clear and 16 convincing evidence that:

17 (1) it was not possible for him to register within the
18 period of time specified in subsection (b) of this Section;
19 and

20 (2) his failure to register was through no fault of his21 own; and

(3) he registered within 10 days after it becamepossible for him to file.

A lack of knowledge of the pregnancy or birth is not an acceptable reason for failure to register.

26 (h) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of Section 8 of this Act, failure to timely register with the Putative 27 28 Father Registry (i) shall be deemed to be a waiver and 29 surrender of any right to notice of any hearing in any judicial proceeding for the adoption of the child, and the consent or 30 31 surrender of that person to the adoption of the child is not 32 required, and (ii) shall constitute an abandonment of the child and shall be prima facie evidence of sufficient grounds to 33 support termination of such father's parental rights under this 34

1 Act.

(i) In any adoption proceeding pertaining to a child born
out of wedlock, if there is no showing that a putative father
has executed a consent or surrender or waived his rights
regarding the proposed adoption, certification as specified in
subsection (d) shall be filed with the court prior to entry of
a final judgment order of adoption.

8 (j) The Registry shall not be used to notify a putative 9 father who is the father of a child as a result of criminal 10 sexual abuse or assault as defined under Article 12 of the 11 Criminal Code of 1961.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-315, eff. 1-1-96; 90-15, eff. 6-13-97.)".