

2 SHB 2529 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Human Services

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 26.33.350 and 1991 c 136 s 4 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) Every person, firm, society, association, ~~((or))~~ corporation,
10 or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for
11 a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior
12 to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child
13 has been placed by adoption a complete medical report containing all
14 known and available information concerning the mental, physical, and
15 sensory handicaps of the child.

16 (2) The report shall not reveal the identity of the ~~((natural))~~
17 birth parent of the child except as authorized under this chapter but
18 shall include any known or available mental or physical health history
19 of the ~~((natural))~~ birth parent that needs to be known by the adoptive
20 parent to facilitate proper health care for the child or that will
21 assist the adoptive parent in maximizing the developmental potential of
22 the child.

23 ~~((+2))~~ (3) Where known or available, the information provided
24 shall include:

25 (a) A review of the birth family's and the child's previous medical
26 history, ~~((if available,))~~ including the child's x-rays, examinations,
27 hospitalizations, and immunizations. After July 1, 1992, medical
28 histories shall be given on a standardized reporting form developed by
29 the department;

30 (b) A physical exam of the child by a licensed physician with
31 appropriate laboratory tests and x-rays;

32 (c) A referral to a specialist if indicated; and

33 (d) A written copy of the evaluation with recommendations to the
34 adoptive family receiving the report.

35 (4) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under
36 this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and

1 information concerning the child's mental, physical, and sensory
2 handicaps. The entities or persons providing the information have no
3 duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the
4 records or information regarding the child's present or future health.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.33.380 and 1993 c 81 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Every person, firm, society, association, ((or)) corporation,
8 or state agency receiving, securing a home for, or otherwise caring for
9 a minor child shall transmit to the prospective adopting parent prior
10 to placement and shall make available to all persons with whom a child
11 has been placed by adoption, a family background and child and family
12 social history report, which includes a chronological history of the
13 circumstances surrounding the adoptive placement and any available
14 psychiatric reports, psychological reports, court reports pertaining to
15 dependency or custody, or school reports. Such reports or information
16 shall not reveal the identity of the birth parents of the child but
17 shall contain reasonably available nonidentifying information.

18 (2) Entities and persons obligated to provide information under
19 this section shall make reasonable efforts to locate records and
20 information concerning the child's family background and social
21 history. The entities or persons providing the information have no
22 duty, beyond providing the information, to explain or interpret the
23 records or information regarding the child's mental or physical health.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 The department shall adopt rules, in consultation with affected
27 parties, establishing minimum standards for making reasonable efforts
28 to locate records and information relating to adoptions as required
29 under RCW 26.33.350 and 26.33.380."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "adoption;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 26.33.350 and
3 26.33.380; and adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW."

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