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1 AN ACT Relating to disclosure of adoption information; amending RCW
2 26.33.340 and 26.33.345; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.33.340 and 1993 c 81 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Department, agency, and court files regarding an adoption shall be
7 confidential except as provided for in RCW 26.33.345 and except that
8 reasonably available nonidentifying information (~~may~~) shall be
9 disclosed upon the written request for the information from the
10 adoptive parent, the adoptee, or the birth parent. If the adoption
11 facilitator refuses to disclose nonidentifying information, the
12 individual may petition the superior court. Identifying information
13 may also be disclosed through the procedure described in RCW 26.33.343
14 and 26.33.345.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.33.345 and 1993 c 81 s 3 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) The department of social and health services, adoption
18 agencies, and independent adoption facilitators shall release the name

1 and location of the court where a relinquishment of parental rights or
2 finalization of an adoption took place to an adult adoptee, a birth
3 parent of an adult adoptee, an adoptive parent, a birth or adoptive
4 grandparent of an adult adoptee, or an adult sibling of an adult
5 adoptee, or the legal guardian of any of these.

6 (2) The department of health shall make available a noncertified
7 copy of the original birth certificate of a child to the child's birth
8 parents upon request.

9 (3) (~~For adoptions finalized after October 1, 1993~~) After
10 receiving a request by an adopted person eighteen years of age or
11 older, the department of health shall (~~make available~~) provide the
12 person with a noncertified copy of the adopted person's original birth
13 certificate (~~to the adoptee after the adoptee's eighteenth birthday~~),
14 unless the birth parent has filed an affidavit of nondisclosure.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2002.

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