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Senate Bill 727 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Adoption Code to prohibit the release of identifying information about an adult adoptee's former parent who had surrendered the person as a baby under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, unless the former parent had consented to the release of the information.

Generally, the Code requires a child placing agency, a court, or the Department of Human Services to release to an adult adoptee certain identifying information about the adoptee's former parents and any additional information on file with the central adoption registry, unless a parent has filed a statement with the registry denying consent to have the information released.

Under the bill, that requirement would not apply to adoptions in which the former parents' rights were terminated under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, unless the former parent had filed a statement with the central adoption registry consenting to the release of identifying information.

The Code permits a former parent to file a statement with the central adoption registry consenting to or denying the release of identifying information about the parent. The statement may be filed, updated, or revoked at any time.

Under the bill, that provision would include a former parent whose parental rights were terminated under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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