

**Committee on Children, Families,  
And Elder Affairs**

**CS/HB 89 — Adoption Records**

by Health and Human Services Committee and Rep. Stark and others (CS/SB 302 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Rader)

The bill clarifies current law by providing that the Bureau of Vital Statistics within the Department of Health may disclose the name and identity of the birth parent, if the birth parent provides written consent for the release of his or her name and the adoptee is 18 years of age or older. Accordingly, the adoptive parent's signature is no longer required when the adoptee is an adult. If the adoptee is younger than 18 years of age, the adoptive parent's consent is still required.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

*Vote: Senate 37-2; House 119-0*