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Bill No. HB 3

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Effman offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause  
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. (1) SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Child Identification Program" or "ChIP" act of 1999.

(2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--The Legislature finds that the new technology of DNA testing is of great potential benefit to the citizens of this state. Having a child's DNA sample available will enable parents to better assist law enforcement in finding and identifying a child in the unfortunate event of a child's disappearance or abduction, as well as identifying children who may be victims in an accident or natural disaster. Obtaining a DNA sample simply requires the placement of a drop of blood on specially treated paper for long term storage. It is the intent of the Legislature that health care providers that choose to participate in ChIP, including hospitals, birthing centers, and physicians, shall assist parents in obtaining the DNA

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1 sample and that all costs associated with obtaining,  
2 maintaining, and retrieving the sample shall be borne by the  
3 parents.

4 (3) PARTICIPATION BY HOSPITALS AND BIRTHING  
5 CENTERS.--Every licensed hospital and every licensed birthing  
6 center that chooses to participate in ChIP shall, upon  
7 admission for a labor and delivery, notify and provide  
8 literature to the parent, as part of the admission process,  
9 that the hospital or birthing center is a participant in ChIP  
10 and that the hospital or birthing center will provide a DNA  
11 sample for identification purposes, upon request. The hospital  
12 or birthing center shall obtain the DNA sample and provide for  
13 storage and for retrieval of the sample when required.  
14 Nothing in this section shall be considered as a health  
15 service under the Medicaid program and the fee paid shall not  
16 be subject to the copayment limitations set forth in s.  
17 409.9081. No copy or record of any DNA sample that is created  
18 or maintained by any entity participating in ChIP shall be  
19 reproduced for any purpose other than as provided in this  
20 section.

21 (4) PARTICIPATION BY PHYSICIANS.--The Legislature  
22 hereby encourages all physicians who provide primary care to  
23 children born prior to the implementation of ChIP to  
24 voluntarily participate and offer ChIP to their patients. The  
25 Board of Medicine is encouraged to assist licensed physicians  
26 in learning about and participating in ChIP.

27 (5) COSTS.--All costs associated with obtaining,  
28 maintaining, and retrieving DNA samples shall be borne by the  
29 parents requesting the sample.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 remove from the title of the bill:  the entire title

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5 and insert in lieu thereof:

6                   A bill to be entitled

7       An act relating to child identification;  
8       providing a short title; providing legislative  
9       intent; requiring hospitals and birthing  
10      centers to notify parents of the availability  
11      of the Child Identification Program; requiring  
12      hospitals and birthing centers to provide  
13      identification services upon request;  
14      prohibiting the reproduction of certain  
15      records; encouraging physicians to participate  
16      in the Child Identification Program; providing  
17      for costs; providing an effective date.

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