

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on State Administration offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. All information contained in the paternity registry created pursuant to s. 63.063, and maintained by the Department of Health is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except that certificates attesting to the results of a search of the paternity registry pursuant to chapter 63 may be disclosed as provided in chapter 63. This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt from public disclosure all information contained in the paternity registry and maintained by the Department of Health. The Legislature finds that it is good

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1 public policy to encourage putative fathers to register with
 2 the paternity registry in order that they have the opportunity
 3 to be made legally aware of petitions and hearings to
 4 terminate their parental rights pending an adoption. The
 5 Legislature also finds that by providing legal notice to
 6 putative fathers, adoptions are less likely to be legally
 7 disrupted. The Legislature further finds that the information
 8 required by the paternity registry reveals the existence of
 9 intimate sexual relations. Disclosure of this information
 10 would likely have a negative effect on the likelihood that
 11 putative fathers will register. Therefore, the Legislature
 12 finds that any benefit that could occur from public disclosure
 13 of the information in the paternity registry is outweighed by
 14 the necessity to ensure the due process rights of putative
 15 fathers.

16 Section 3. This section shall take effect on the same
 17 date that HB 775 or similar legislation takes effect if such
 18 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
 19 extension thereof and becomes law.

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 22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, lines 5 & 6,
 25 remove: Department of Children and Family Services

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 27 and insert:
 28 Department of Health

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