



1           (b) The registrant unmarried biological father, upon  
2 receipt of notarized request for a copy of his registry entry  
3 only.

4           (c) The court, upon issuance of a court order  
5 concerning a petitioner acting pro se in an action under this  
6 chapter.

7           (2) Except as set forth in subsection (1), the  
8 database comprising the Florida Putative Father Registry shall  
9 remain confidential and exempt and separate from all other  
10 databases in this state, including any local or federal  
11 database. Such database may not be accessed by any other state  
12 or federal agency or entity.

13           Section 2. Section 63.541, Florida Statutes, is  
14 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in  
15 accordance with section 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall  
16 stand repealed on October 2, 2008, unless reviewed and saved  
17 from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

18           Section 3. The Legislature finds that there is a  
19 public necessity to exempt from public disclosure all  
20 information contained in the Florida Putative Father Registry  
21 maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics within the  
22 Department of Health. The Legislature finds that it is good  
23 public policy to provide safeguards to protect and promote the  
24 well-being of persons being adopted and their birth and  
25 adoptive parents. In order to ensure that a child is legally  
26 free for adoption, the Legislature finds that any existing  
27 parental rights must be terminated in accordance with due  
28 process as protected under the federal and state laws. The  
29 Legislature finds that protecting the confidentiality and  
30 preventing the disclosure of the information contained in the  
31 Florida Putative Father Registry will encourage putative

1 fathers who wish to claim paternity and assert parental rights  
2 to register in order to preserve their right to receive notice  
3 and consent to an adoption. The Legislature also finds that  
4 the confidentiality and exemption from public disclosure  
5 provided by this act prevents unnecessary and unwarranted  
6 intrusion into the right of privacy of personal and sensitive  
7 information, including the existence of intimate sexual  
8 relations. Disclosure of information in the registry may also  
9 deter the collection of information integral to the best  
10 interests of a child who is or may become the subject of a  
11 proceeding for the termination of parental rights pending  
12 adoption or other relevant proceeding. Therefore, the  
13 Legislature finds that any benefit that could occur from  
14 public disclosure of the information in the registry is  
15 outweighed by the necessity to ensure the due process rights  
16 of putative fathers and to prevent unwarranted intrusion into  
17 the privacy of the individuals involved.

18           Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date  
19 that SB 2456 or similar legislation takes effect if such  
20 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
21 extension thereof and becomes law.

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23                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
24                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
25                   Senate Bill SB 2526

26 Assigns a specific statutory section number to the newly  
27 created public records exemption provision for the information  
in the Putative Father Registry.

28 Provides limited exceptions to the confidentiality and  
29 exemption from public disclosure provisions as relates to  
30 information in the Putative Father Registry for purpose of  
adoption proceedings.

31 Requires the Putative Father Registry database to be kept  
separate from any other database and inaccessible, except as  
provided, by any state or federal agency.