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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative(s) Ausley offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

4 Remove line(s) 399-431 and insert:

5 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida
6 Putative Father Registry, as created by chapter 2003-58, Laws of
7 Florida, and as subsequently amended, applies to all adoption
8 and termination of parental rights proceedings that began after
9 May 30, 2003, the date upon which the creation of the registry
10 became law, including those proceedings in which a judgment of
11 adoption or termination of parental rights has been entered.

12 (2)~~(1)~~ In order to preserve the right to notice and
13 consent to an adoption under this chapter, an unmarried
14 biological father must, as the "registrant," file a notarized
15 claim of paternity form with the Florida Putative Father
16 Registry maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics of the
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17 Department of Health and shall include therein confirmation of
18 his willingness and intent to support the child for whom
19 paternity is claimed in accordance with state law. The claim of
20 paternity may be filed at any time prior to the child's birth,
21 but a claim of paternity may not be filed after the date a
22 petition is filed for termination of parental rights. In each
23 proceeding for termination of parental rights, the petitioner
24 shall submit to the Office of Vital Statistics of the Department
25 of Health a copy of the petition for termination of parental
26 rights. The Office of Vital Statistics of the Department of
27 Health shall not record a claim of paternity after the date that
28 a petition for termination of parental rights is filed. The
29 failure of an unmarried biological father to register his
30 paternity prior to the date a petition for termination of
31 parental rights is filed also bars him from filing a paternity
32 claim under chapter 742.

33 ~~(7)(6)~~ It is the obligation of the registrant or, if
34 designated under subsection (4), his designated agent or
35 representative to notify and update the Office of Vital
36 Statistics of any change of address or change in the designation
37 of an agent or representative. The failure of a registrant, or
38 designated agent or representative, to report any such change is
39 at the registrant's own risk and shall not serve as a valid
40 defense based upon lack of notice, and the adoption entity or
41 petitioner shall have no further obligation to search for the
42 registrant unless the person petitioning for termination of
43 parental rights or adoption has actual ~~or constructive~~ notice of
44 the registrant's address and whereabouts from another source.

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45 (8)~~(7)~~ In each proceeding for termination of parental
46 rights

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48 ===== D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T =====

49 Remove lines 394-395 and insert:

50 Section 9. Subsections (1) through (14) of section 63.054,
51 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) through
52 (15), respectively, and present subsections (1), (6), and (7) of
53 that section are amended to read:

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

56 Remove line(s) 24 and insert:

57 lost entirely; amending s. 63.054, F.S.; providing legislative
58 intent; providing that an