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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Charles Owen to Engrossed House Bill No. 450 by Representative Charles Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "1186(A)" and before "and R.S. 40:73(B)" delete "and 1188(C)" and insert a comma "," and "1188(C), and 1270(B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "1186(A)" and before "are hereby" delete "and 1188(C)" and insert a comma "," and "1188(C), and 1270(B)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8 insert the following:

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Art. 1270. Legislative findings; purpose; release of information

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B.(1) There is hereby created within the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services a voluntary registry for the matching of adopted persons, or an adoptive parent of a minor or deceased adopted person, or a descendant of a deceased adopted person, or his parent if a minor, and biological parents or siblings, or both, or a parent, sibling, or descendant, or his parent if a minor, of a deceased biological parent. The purpose of this registry shall be to facilitate voluntary contact between the adopted person, or an adoptive parent of a minor or deceased adopted person, or the descendant of a deceased adopted person, or his parent if a minor, and a biological parent or biological sibling, or both, or a parent, sibling, or descendant, or his parent if a minor, of a deceased biological parent.

(2)(a) A birth parent may at any time request from the office of children and family services a contact preference form that shall accompany the adopted person's original birth certificate.

(b) The contact preference form shall provide the following information to be completed at the option of the birth parent who shall indicate his intentions as follows:

(1) I would like to be contacted.

(2) I would prefer to be contacted only through an intermediary.

(3) I prefer not to be contacted at this time. If I decide later that I would like to be contacted, I will submit an updated contact preference form to the office of children and family services.

(c) The contact preference form is a confidential communication from the birth parent to the person named on the sealed birth certificate and shall be placed in a sealed envelope upon receipt from the birth parent. The sealed envelope shall be released to the registar of vital records and placed in the sealed file containing the original birth certificate. The contact preference form shall be released to an adopted person when he requests his original birth certificate pursuant to R.S. 40:80.

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