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Act No. 100 (H.629). Adoption; vital records

An act relating to access to adoption records

This act permits an adopted person who is 18 years of age or older to obtain a certified copy of the person's original birth certificate regardless of whether the adoptee's former parent has consented to such disclosure. The act directs the Department for Children and Families to undertake a campaign to notify the public about the change in the law prior to the new policy's effective date of July 1, 2023. The act also requires the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, in consultation with the Department for Children and Families and other interested parties, to report to various legislative committees on the various laws governing records related to children who were placed by a child-placing agency in foster homes or residential child care facilities and who are not adopted and a recommendation for legislation to ensure that these children have access to records concerning their background, medical history, and other pertinent information relating to their time under the care and supervision of an agency.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 3, 2022