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--Allow non-disclosure option moving forward, on the Registry side, so that former/birth parents can give nonconsent for additional information about themselves to be shared. (This bill is about allowing access to OBCS, not about providing all identifying information to anyone who requests/is eligible to request).

Proposed section 6-106:

A former parent of an adoptee may prevent disclosure of identifying information through the Vermont Adoption Registry about himself or herself by filing a request for nondisclosure with the registry as provided in section 6-105 of this title. A request for nondisclosure may be withdrawn by a former parent at any time.

--Re: honoring current confidentiality requests on file, as allowed by current law:

For former parents who have prior to (effective date) filed a request for confidentiality on the Statement of Disclosure of Identifying Information, as allowed under current law, original birth certificates shall remain sealed. Should an adopted person or their direct descendent request access to one of these sealed original birth certificate, the agency who facilitated the adoption will make a reasonable effort to locate the individual who signed the non-disclosure in the past, to determine whether they wish to lift the non-disclosure or have it remain in place.



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