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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 521**

February 12, 2020 - Offered by Senator JACQUE.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 69.15 (6) (b) and 69.22 (1) (b); and *to create* 69.35 of the  
2           statutes; **relating to:** access by an adult adoptee to report of adoption.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 69.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           69.15 (6) (b) The state registrar shall register a new record created under this  
5           section and shall impound the original record or the record registered under sub. (5)  
6           and all correspondence, affidavits, court orders and other related materials and  
7           prohibit access except by court order or except by the state registrar for processing  
8           purposes or except when authorized under ss. s. 48.432 and, 48.433, or 69.35. The  
9           state registrar shall send notice of any new record registered under this section to  
10          the local registrar who filed the original record. Upon notification, the local registrar  
11          shall destroy his or her copy of the original record.

1           **SECTION 2.** 69.22 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           69.22 (1) (b) Except as provided under par. (c), \$20 for issuing an uncertified  
3 copy of a vital record issued under s. 69.21 (2) (a) or (b) or a copy of a report issued  
4 under s. 69.35, \$7 for verifying information about the event submitted by a requester  
5 without issuance of a copy, and \$3 for any additional copy of the same vital record  
6 issued at the same time.

7           **SECTION 3.** 69.35 of the statutes is created to read:

8           **69.35 Copies of report on adoption.** (1) Notwithstanding other provisions  
9 of this subchapter or the provisions of s. 48.433 and except as otherwise provided  
10 under this section or s. 48.028 (9), upon written request to the department of health  
11 services or the department of children and families by a person who is 18 years of age  
12 or over and who is the subject of a report of adoption or similar form developed by the  
13 department relating to adoption, the **state registrar shall issue, if available, to the**  
14 **requester an unredacted copy of any report of adoption form or similar form**  
15 **developed by the department relating to the requester's adoption if all of the**  
16 **following apply:**

17           (a) The requester's birth parent's rights have been terminated in this state; the  
18 requester has been adopted in this state with the consent of his or her birth parent  
19 or parents before February 1, 1982; or the requester was born to a surrogate mother  
20 and a court determined parental rights over the requester, as provided in s. 69.14 (1)  
21 (h).

22           (b) **Neither birth parent of the requester has indicated that he or she does not**  
23 **want identifying information released regarding the birth parents.**

24           (c) The requester has paid the fee required by the department.

1           **(2)** The department of children and families shall cooperate with the  
2 department of health services regarding issuance of reports and communications  
3 with interested parties under this section. If the department of children and families  
4 receives a request under this section, the department of children and families shall  
5 transmit that request to the department of health services. Upon receipt of a request  
6 under this section, the department of health services shall either issue the report as  
7 provided under sub. (1), if available and permitted under this section, or provide  
8 notification to the requester that the department of health services has determined  
9 that the request cannot be fulfilled, including the reasons for that determination.

10           **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

11           (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2022.

12   **(END)**