



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6105***

LCO No. 1733



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH  
CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 7-53 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (c) Upon written request, the [department shall] registrar of vital  
5 statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's birth shall, not later  
6 than thirty days after such written request, issue an uncertified copy of  
7 an original certificate of birth to (1) [an] such adopted person [who] if  
8 he or she is eighteen years of age or older, [whose adoption was  
9 finalized on or after October 1, 1983,] or (2) such adopted person's adult  
10 child or grandchild. Such certificate shall be marked with a notation by  
11 the issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by  
12 a replacement certificate of birth as on file. Additionally, a notice stating  
13 that information related to the birth parents' preferences regarding  
14 contact by such adopted person or such adopted person's adult child or  
15 grandchild and a medical health history form completed by the birth

16 parent may be on file with the Department of Children and Families  
17 shall be printed on such certificate or attached thereto.

18 Sec. 2. Section 7-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

20 [(a) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter until  
21 January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a  
22 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, concerning  
23 the number of original birth certificates issued annually to adopted  
24 persons eighteen years of age or older whose adoption was finalized on  
25 or after October 1, 1983, or the adult children or grandchildren of  
26 adopted persons in accordance with section 7-53, to the joint standing  
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
28 relating to public health.]

29 [(b)] Not later than January 1, [2016] 2022, and annually thereafter  
30 until January 1, [2021] 2027, the Commissioner of Children and Families  
31 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,  
32 concerning the number of contact preference forms and medical health  
33 history forms annually filed with the [department] Department of  
34 Children and Families in accordance with section 17a-60a to the joint  
35 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
36 matters relating to public health. The report shall include the number of  
37 birth parents that selected each option described in section 17a-60a.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 45a-751b of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
40 *2021*):

41 (c) Regardless of the date parental rights were terminated, on or after  
42 July 1, [2015, the Department of Public Health shall, upon] 2021, the  
43 registrar of vital statistics of the municipality of an adopted person's  
44 birth shall, not later than thirty days after a written request, issue an  
45 uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to [an] such adopted  
46 person if he or she is eighteen years of age or older [who is] and the  
47 subject of [the] such birth certificate, [and whose adoption was finalized

48 on or after October 1, 1983,] or to such adopted person's adult child or  
49 grandchild, in accordance with the provisions of section 7-53, as  
50 amended by this act.

51 Sec. 4. Section 45a-751c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
52 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021, and*  
53 *applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2020*):

54 [(a) On the petition of an adopted person who is eighteen years of age  
55 or older and whose adoption was finalized prior to October 1, 1983, or  
56 such adopted person's adult child or grandchild, the Probate Court or  
57 the Superior Court that finalized an adoption or appointed a guardian  
58 ad litem in accordance with section 45a-753 shall issue an order  
59 directing the Department of Public Health to issue an uncertified copy  
60 of an original birth certificate to such adopted person or such adopted  
61 person's child or grandchild in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
62 7-53, provided each birth parent named on the original birth certificate:  
63 (1) Consents to the release of identifying information in accordance with  
64 sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive; (2) is deceased; or (3) a legal  
65 representative or guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying  
66 information on behalf of the birth parent in accordance with section 45a-  
67 753. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of an adopted person  
68 eighteen years of age or older whose adoption was finalized on or after  
69 October 1, 1983, or such adopted person's adult child or grandchild to  
70 obtain an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate pursuant to  
71 section 7-53.]

72 [(b)] On the petition of an authorized applicant, as defined in section  
73 45a-743, the Probate Court or the Superior Court that finalized an  
74 adoption or appointed a guardian ad litem in accordance with section  
75 45a-753 shall issue an order directing the Department of Public Health  
76 to issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to the  
77 authorized applicant in accordance with subsection (b) of section 7-53,  
78 provided the person named in the certificate of birth is deceased and (1)  
79 each birth parent named on the original birth certificate [:(1) Consents]  
80 (A) consents to the release of identifying information, in accordance

81 with sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive, as amended by this act, [;  
82 (2) is deceased; or (3)] or (B) is deceased, or (2) a legal representative or  
83 guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying information on  
84 behalf of the birth parent, in accordance with section 45a-753.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-53(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	7-53a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	45a-751b(c)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021, and applicable to petitions filed on and after July 1, 2020</i>	45a-751c

**Statement of Purpose:**

To grant access to original birth records to all adopted persons eighteen years of age or older who were born in Connecticut regardless of date of birth.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*