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House Bill 6085

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6085 AS INTRODUCED 9-16-98

The adoption code (MCL 710.27) specifies that a parent or guardian, the Family Independence Agency (FIA), a child placing agency, or a court placing an adoptee must compile certain "identifying information" regarding an adoptee. The code also requires that a child placing agency, the FIA, or a court placing an adoptee make a written document containing "nonidentifying information" available to prospective adoptive parents. The code distinguishes between identifying and nonidentifying information: nonidentifying information is relatively freely available to affected parties, and includes an account of a child's health and genetic history, and the circumstances of any judicial order terminating a parent's rights for abuse, neglect, abandonment, or other mistreatment of the child. Identifying information required under the code includes the child's name before placement, and each biological parent's name at the time of termination of parental rights. House Bill 6085 would amend the code to require that nonidentifying information regarding the circumstances of any judicial order terminating a parent's rights also include the petition that resulted in the child's removal from a parent or guardian. The bill would also require that information concerning the length of time between the termination of parental rights and adoptive placement also include the initial, and any subsequent, Case Service Plans that would be prepared as proposed under the provisions of House Bill 6078, and provided under Chapter XIIA of the Probate Code (MCL 712A.1) which regulates the juvenile division of probate court (renamed the "family division of circuit court" under the provisions of Public Act 409 of 1996).

MCL 710.27

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