



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1067

LCO No. 4692



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING A BIOLOGICAL PARENT'S ACCESS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CASES INVOLVING A VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) A biological parent
2 whose parental rights to a child were voluntarily terminated pursuant
3 to state law may receive from a child-placing agency, as defined in
4 section 45a-707 of the general statutes, that was party to, or otherwise
5 involved in, an adoption relating to such biological parent's child, (1) a
6 copy of any agreement or other document signed by such biological
7 parent or by a parent, guardian, custodian or legal representative
8 acting on behalf of such biological parent relating to the voluntary
9 termination of parental rights; and (2) any other document related to
10 the voluntary termination of parental rights, including, but not limited
11 to, any document provided by the child-placing agency to such
12 biological parent regarding the legal consequences of termination of
13 such biological parent's parental rights and responsibilities. Nothing in
14 this section shall prevent the release of any document to a biological
15 parent who was a minor at the time of termination of his or her

16 parental rights.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a biological parent, who voluntarily terminated his or her parental rights to a child, access to documents that such biological parent signed or received in connection with the parental rights termination proceeding.

[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.]