



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 360**

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House Bill No. 5300

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2018*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF OPTIONAL ADMISSION INTO AN ADOPTION REGISTRY.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public  
2 Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and  
3 Families, shall study the feasibility of establishing an adoption registry  
4 to provide a means by which a registrant may authorize or prohibit the  
5 release of identifying information to others involved in the adoption of  
6 a person. Such study shall examine the advantages of the voluntary  
7 exchange of contact information and the voluntary and anonymous  
8 exchange of vital medical information between (1) an adopted person  
9 or, if the adopted person is deceased, a family member of the adopted  
10 person, and (2) one or both of the birth parents of the adopted person  
11 or, if a birth parent is deceased, a family member of such birth parent.  
12 Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Health  
13 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
14 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General

- 15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health
- 16 regarding the outcome of the study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	less than 10,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health to study the feasibility of establishing an adoption registry for the voluntary and anonymous exchange of information by 1/1/19, is anticipated to result in a cost of less than \$10,000 for a consultant with subject matter expertise.

Pursuant to CGA Sec. 45a-755, the Department of Children and Families, and each child-placing agency which was party to or participated in either applications for approval of adoption agreements or termination of parental rights, are required to maintain registries containing voluntary consents, refusals of consent, and revocations of consent to the release of information that would identify the registrant, as well as medical information concerning an adopted person provided by a biological parent or blood relative of such adopted person.

**The Out Years**

There is no fiscal impact from the bill in the out years.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22    Nay 4    (03/26/2018)