



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 113***

LCO No. 669



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 *2020*):

4 (c) Upon written request, the [department shall] registrar of vital  
5 statistics of the town of an adopted person's birth shall, not later than  
6 thirty days after such written request, issue an uncertified copy of an  
7 original certificate of birth to (1) [an] such adopted person [who] if he or  
8 she is eighteen years of age or older, [whose adoption was finalized on  
9 or after October 1, 1983,] or (2) such adopted person's adult child or  
10 grandchild. Such certificate shall be marked with a notation by the  
11 issuer that such original certificate of birth has been superseded by a  
12 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 Section 7-53a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2020*):

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] 2021, and annually thereafter  
30 until January 1, [2021] 2026, 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 *2020*):

41 (c) Regardless of the date parental rights were terminated, on or after  
42 July 1, [2015, the Department of Public Health shall, upon] 2020, the  
43 registrar of vital statistics of the town of an adopted person's birth shall,  
44 not later than thirty days after a written request, issue an uncertified  
45 copy of an original birth certificate to [an] such adopted person if he or  
46 she is eighteen years of age or older [who is] and the subject of [the] such  
47 birth certificate, [and whose adoption was finalized on or after October

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

50 Sec. 4. Section 45a-751c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

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

70 [(b)] On the petition of an authorized applicant, as defined in section  
71 45a-743, the Probate Court or the Superior Court that finalized an  
72 adoption or appointed a guardian ad litem in accordance with section  
73 45a-753 shall issue an order directing the Department of Public Health  
74 to issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate to the  
75 authorized applicant in accordance with subsection (b) of section 7-53,  
76 provided the person named in the certificate of birth is deceased and (1)  
77 each birth parent named on the original birth certificate [:(1) Consents]  
78 (A) consents to the release of identifying information, in accordance  
79 with sections 45a-751 to 45a-751b, inclusive, as amended by this act, [;  
80 (2) is deceased; or (3)] or (B) is deceased, or (2) a legal representative or

81 guardian ad litem consents to the release of identifying information on  
82 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, 2020</i>	7-53(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	7-53a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	45a-751b(c)
Sec. 4	<i>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.]*