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ADOPTION RECORDS

House Bill 4612 Sponsor: Rep. Michael Nye Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4612 AS INTRODUCED 3-16-95

The bill would amend the child care licensing act (MCL 722.124d) to move certain information related to adoptions that is recorded in the public information form from the nonconfidential section of the form to the confidential section of the form. The public information form has two sections, one section which includes nonconfidential information regarding the adoption, and a detachable section which contains the confidential information. The nonconfidential section may be released to members of the general public upon request.

The bill would require that information indicating the date of: a) first contact between the mother and the primary adoption facilitator, b) first contact between the adoptive parent(s) and the primary adoption facilitator, c) temporary placement, and d) the court's order finalizing the adoption, be placed in the confidential section of the public information form. The current law requires that this information be included in the nonconfidential section of the form. Further, the bill would delete the date of the formal placement from the required information on the form, as well as a listing of "any other expense [paid by an adoptive parent] approved by the court under the adoption code".