

By: Van Arsdale

H.B. No. 1999

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1999:

By: Davis of Harris

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the preparation of medical history reports by parents  
3 who relinquish children for adoption.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 161, Family Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 161.1031 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.1031. MEDICAL HISTORY REPORT. (a) A parent who  
8 signs an affidavit of voluntary relinquishment of parental rights  
9 under Section 161.103 regarding a biological child must also  
10 prepare a medical history report that addresses the medical history  
11 of the parent and the parent's ancestors.

12 (b) The Department of Family and Protective Services, in  
13 cooperation with the Department of State Health Services, shall  
14 adopt a form that a parent may use to comply with this section. The  
15 form must be designed to permit a parent to identify any medical  
16 condition of the parent or the parent's ancestors that could  
17 indicate a predisposition for the child to develop the condition.

18 (c) The medical history report shall be used in preparing  
19 the health, social, educational, and genetic history report  
20 required by Section 162.005 and shall be made available to persons  
21 granted access under Section 162.006 in the manner provided by that  
22 section.

23 SECTION 2. Section 161.1031, Family Code, as added by this  
24 Act, applies only to a person who signs an affidavit of voluntary

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1 relinquishment of parental rights under Section 161.103, Family  
2 Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.