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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 the child
21 and the child's adoptive parents in the manner provided by Section
22 162.018.

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.