

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1402
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2013; March 18, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nelson	X			
1-9	Deuell	X			
1-10	Huffman	X			
1-11	Nichols	X			
1-12	Schwertner			X	
1-13	Taylor			X	
1-14	Uresti	X			
1-15	West	X			
1-16	Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to access to records and certain information in those
1-20 records regarding a child placed for adoption.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 162.006, Family Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (a) The department, licensed child-placing agency, or other
1-26 person[, or entity] placing a child for adoption shall inform the
1-27 prospective adoptive parents of their right to examine the records
1-28 and other information relating to the history of the child. The
1-29 department, licensed child-placing agency, or other person [~~or~~
1-30 ~~entity~~] placing the child for adoption shall edit the records and
1-31 information to protect the identity of the biological parents and
1-32 any other person whose identity is confidential.

1-33 (a-1) The records described by Subsection (a) must include
1-34 any records relating to an investigation of abuse in which the child
1-35 was an alleged or confirmed victim of sexual abuse while residing in
1-36 a foster home or other residential child-care facility. If the
1-37 licensed child-placing agency or other person placing the child for
1-38 adoption does not have the information required by this subsection,
1-39 the department, at the request of the licensed child-placing agency
1-40 or other person placing the child for adoption, shall provide the
1-41 information to the prospective adoptive parents of the child.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

1-43 * * * * *