

1-1 By: Campbell, et al. S.B. No. 1362
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2017; March 16, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to notification and informational materials regarding
 1-20 mutual consent voluntary adoption registries.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) This Act shall be known as the Mothers'
 1-23 Privacy Protection Act.

1-24 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that parties to an
 1-25 adoption be informed of all future contact options and resources,
 1-26 while respecting and protecting the decisions of parties to allow
 1-27 or not allow contact.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 162.403, Family Code, is amended by
 1-29 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-30 (d) The vital statistics unit shall develop informational
 1-31 materials for birth parents and adoptive parents regarding the
 1-32 central registry and the other registries established under
 1-33 Subsection (b). The unit shall make the informational materials
 1-34 readily available on the Internet website of the Department of
 1-35 State Health Services.

1-36 (e) An authorized agency shall:

1-37 (1) notify in writing the birth parents and adoptive
 1-38 parents of a child for whom the authorized agency is providing
 1-39 adoption services of the existence of:

1-40 (A) the central registry; and

1-41 (B) any registry established by the authorized
 1-42 agency or by another authorized agency or an association of those
 1-43 agencies with whom the authorized agency contracts to perform
 1-44 registry services on its behalf, as applicable; and

1-45 (2) provide the birth parents and adoptive parents
 1-46 with the informational materials described by Subsection (d).

1-47 SECTION 3. The vital statistics unit of the Department of
 1-48 State Health Services shall make available on its Internet website
 1-49 the informational materials required by Section 162.403(d), Family
 1-50 Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2018.

1-51 SECTION 4. Section 162.403(e), Family Code, as added by
 1-52 this Act, applies beginning with a child for whom an authorized
 1-53 agency is providing adoption services on or after January 1, 2018.

1-54 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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