

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1129

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE WATSON

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out "father" and  
2 inserting

3 parent

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out "father" and  
5 inserting

6 parent

7 Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "father" and  
8 inserting

9 parent

10 Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "He" and  
11 inserting

12 The birth parent or putative father

13 Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by striking out "He" and  
14 inserting

15 The birth parent or putative father

16 Amend Bill, page 7, lines 16 through 30; page 8, lines 1  
17 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
18 inserting

19 (a) Diligent search.--

20 (1) The court shall determine under sections 2501  
21 (relating to relinquishment to agency), 2502 (relating to  
22 relinquishment to adult intending to adopt child), 2504  
23 (relating to alternative procedure for relinquishment) and  
24 2512 (relating to petition for involuntary termination)  
25 whether a diligent search has been made to identify and  
26 locate a birth parent or putative father for the purpose of  
27 providing notice in a proceeding under this part.

1           (2) A diligent search for a birth parent or putative  
2 father under paragraph (1) shall include, but not limited to,  
3 the following:

4           (i) An inquiry to the United States Postal Service  
5 to determine a forwarding address for the individual, if  
6 the petitioner has a last known address.

7           (ii) An inquiry to or search of the records of the  
8 Department of Human Services, or its equivalent, in the  
9 state in which the petitioner has a reasonable basis to  
10 believe the individual may reside.

11           (iii) A search of the records that are available to  
12 the general public of the Department of Transportation,  
13 or its equivalent in the state in which the petitioner  
14 has a reasonable basis to believe the individual may  
15 reside.

16           (iv) A search of at least one publicly available  
17 database to located Federal and state inmates.

18           (v) An inquiry or search of publicly available  
19 records of prothonotary, dockets of the clerk of courts  
20 and tax records in the jurisdiction in which the  
21 petitioner has a reasonable basis to believe the  
22 individual may reside.

23           (vi) A reasonable search of Internet sources, which  
24 may include a general query, social media or other  
25 resources designed to assist in locating an individual.

26           (vii) Any other source the court determines to be  
27 necessary to identify and locate a birth parent or  
28 putative father for the purpose of providing notice in an  
29 adoption proceeding.

30           (3) Any inquiries made under paragraph (2) that are not  
31 answered withing 45 days shall be considered answered as  
32 having no record and complete, unless the court makes a  
33 negative determination under paragraph (4).

34           (4) The court shall review the efforts made to locate  
35 the birth parent or putative father and determine if those  
36 efforts were reasonable and carried out in good faith.

37           (b) Notice by publication.--If the court determines that an  
38 unsuccessful diligent search has been made to identify or locate  
39 a birth parent or putative father, notice of the proceeding may  
40 be provided in a manner prescribed by the court that is  
41 consistent with Pa.O.C. Rule No. 15.6 (relating to notice to  
42 persons; method; notice of Orphans' Court proceedings filed on  
43 dependency docket), or any successor rule.

44           Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "father" where it  
45 occurs the first time and inserting

46           parent

47           Amend Bill, page 8, line 6, by striking out "father" and

1 inserting

2 parent

3 Amend Bill, page 8, line 12, by striking out "father" where  
4 it occurs the first time and inserting

5 parent

6 Amend Bill, page 8, line 14, by striking out "and" and  
7 inserting

8 or

9 Amend Bill, page 8, line 15, by inserting after "notice"

10 , or both,

11 Amend Bill, page 8, line 16, by striking out "father" and  
12 inserting

13 parent

14 Amend Bill, page 8, lines 19 through 30; page 9, lines 1  
15 through 30; page 10, lines 1 through 11; by striking out all of  
16 said lines on said pages