
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 967 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY THOMPSON, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON, STOUT, COSTA,
BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, SLOCUM, ROBBINS AND SCHWARTZ, MAY 11, 1999

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MAY 11, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for court orders
3 relating to adoption records.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2905(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2905. Impounding of proceedings and access to records.

9 (a) General rule.--All petitions, exhibits, reports, notes
10 of testimony, decrees, and other papers pertaining to any
11 proceeding under this part or former statutes relating to
12 adoption shall be kept in the files of the court as a permanent
13 record thereof and withheld from inspection except on an order
14 of court granted upon cause shown or except as otherwise
15 provided in this section. In the case of an adult adoptee who is
16 assuming a name under section 2904 (relating to name of
17 adoptee), an order of court is not required for the court to
18 forward to the Pennsylvania State Police documentation in

1 accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. § 702 (relating to change by order of
2 court). Any report required to be filed under sections 2530
3 (relating to home study and preplacement report), 2531 (relating
4 to report of intention to adopt) and 2535 (relating to
5 investigation) shall be made available to parties to an adoption
6 proceeding only after all identifying names and addresses in the
7 report have been extirpated by the court.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.