

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FREEMAN, M. O'BRIEN, LEACH, KORTZ AND CALTAGIRONE,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for disposition of adoption
3 agency records upon closure.

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

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2911. Disposition of adoption agency records upon closure.

9 As soon as practicable, but no less than 30 days prior to the
10 date on which an adoption agency will cease to operate as a
11 legal entity in this Commonwealth, the agency shall, unless it
12 has applied to operate as a new legal entity, notify the
13 Department of Public Welfare of its intention to cease operating
14 and forward all of its case records to the department. The
15 department shall forward all records, in cases where the agency
16 acted as an intermediary regarding a child or parent, to the

1 courts which finalized the adoptions or which are in the process
2 of considering petitions to terminate parental rights or
3 petitions to adopt. All other records received by the department
4 under this section shall be disposed of or forwarded, at the
5 discretion of the department, in the manner most likely to
6 ensure their confidentiality.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.