

**As Introduced**

**131st General Assembly**

**Regular Session**

**2015-2016**

**H. B. No. 344**

**Representative Pelanda**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Ruhl, Hambley, Rogers, Stinziano,  
LaTourette**

---

**A BILL**

To amend sections 3107.09, 3107.17, 3107.38, 1  
3107.39, 3705.12, and 3705.126 and to enact 2  
section 3107.395 of the Revised Code regarding 3  
the maintenance of and access to adoption files 4  
and social and medical histories. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3107.09, 3107.17, 3107.38, 6  
3107.39, 3705.12, and 3705.126 be amended and section 3107.395 7  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3107.09.** (A) The department of job and family 9  
services shall prescribe and supply forms for the taking of 10  
social and medical histories of the biological parents of a 11  
minor available for adoption. 12

(B) An assessor shall record the social and medical 13  
histories of the biological parents of a minor available for 14  
adoption, unless the minor is to be adopted by the minor's 15  
stepparent or grandparent. The assessor shall use the forms 16  
prescribed pursuant to division (A) of this section. The 17

assessor shall not include on the forms identifying information 18  
about the biological parents or other ancestors of the minor. 19

(C) A social history shall describe and identify the age; 20  
ethnic, racial, religious, marital, and physical 21  
characteristics; and educational, cultural, talent and hobby, 22  
and work experience background of the biological parents of the 23  
minor. A medical history shall identify major diseases, 24  
malformations, allergies, ear or eye defects, major conditions, 25  
and major health problems of the biological parents that are or 26  
may be congenital or familial. These histories may include other 27  
social and medical information relative to the biological 28  
parents and shall include social and medical information 29  
relative to the minor's other ancestors. 30

The social and medical histories may be obtained through 31  
interviews with the biological parents or other persons and from 32  
any available records if a biological parent or any legal 33  
guardian of a biological parent consents to the release of 34  
information contained in a record. An assessor who considers it 35  
necessary may request that a biological parent undergo a medical 36  
examination. In obtaining social and medical histories of a 37  
biological parent, an assessor shall inform the biological 38  
parent, or a person other than a biological parent who provides 39  
information pursuant to this section, of the purpose and use of 40  
the histories and of the biological parent's or other person's 41  
right to correct or expand the histories at any time. 42

(D) A biological parent, or another person who provided 43  
information in the preparation of the social and medical 44  
histories of the biological parents of a minor, may cause the 45  
histories to be corrected or expanded to include different or 46  
additional types of information. The biological parent or other 47

person may cause the histories to be corrected or expanded at 48  
any time prior or subsequent to the adoption of the minor, 49  
including any time after the minor becomes an adult. A 50  
biological parent may cause the histories to be corrected or 51  
expanded even if the biological parent did not provide any 52  
information to the assessor at the time the histories were 53  
prepared. 54

To cause the histories to be corrected or expanded, a 55  
biological parent or other person who provided information shall 56  
provide the information to be included or specify the 57  
information to be corrected to whichever of the following is 58  
appropriate under the circumstances: 59

(1) Subject to divisions (D) (2) and (3) of this section, 60  
to the assessor who prepared the histories if the biological 61  
parent or other person knows the assessor; 62

(2) Subject to division (D) (3) of this section, to the 63  
court involved in the adoption or, if that court is not known, 64  
to the department of health, if the biological parent or person 65  
does not know the assessor or finds that the assessor has ceased 66  
to perform assessments; 67

(3) To the department of health, if the histories were 68  
originally completed by the biological parent pursuant to 69  
section 3107.393 of the Revised Code or, regardless of whether 70  
the histories were originally completed pursuant to this section 71  
or section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code, the 72  
biological parent seeks to correct or expand the histories at 73  
the same time the biological parent completes a contact 74  
preference form pursuant to section 3107.39 of the Revised Code 75  
or a biological parent's name redaction request form pursuant to 76  
section 3107.391 of the Revised Code. 77

An assessor who receives information from a biological parent or other person pursuant to division (D) (1) of this section shall determine whether the information is of a type that divisions (B) and (C) of this section permit to be included in the histories. If the assessor determines the information is of a permissible type, the assessor shall cause the histories to be corrected or expanded to reflect the information. If, at the time the information is received, the histories have been filed with the court as required by division (E) of this section, the court shall cooperate with the assessor in correcting or expanding the histories.

If the department of health or a court receives information from a biological parent or other person pursuant to division (D) (2) of this section or the department receives information from a biological parent pursuant to division (D) (3) of this section, ~~if the department or court, whichever receives the information,~~ the department or court, whichever receives the information, shall determine whether the information is of a type that divisions (B) and (C) of this section permit to be included in the histories. If the department or a court determines the information is of a permissible type, the department or court shall cause the histories to be corrected or expanded to reflect the information. ~~If the department of health so determines, the court involved shall cooperate with the department in the correcting or expanding of the histories.~~

An assessor or the department of health shall notify a biological parent or other person in writing if the assessor or department determines that information the biological parent or other person provided or specified for inclusion in a history is not of a type that may be included in a history. On receipt of the notice, the biological parent or other person may petition the court involved in the adoption to make a finding as to

whether the information is of a type that may be included in a 109  
history. On receipt of the petition, the court shall issue its 110  
finding without holding a hearing. If the court finds that the 111  
information is of a type that may be included in a history, it 112  
shall cause the history to be corrected or expanded, and, if 113  
applicable, order the department to correct or expand the 114  
history it maintains, to reflect the information. 115

(E) An assessor shall file the social and medical 116  
histories of the biological parents prepared pursuant to 117  
divisions (B) and (C) of this section with the court with which 118  
a petition to adopt the biological parents' child is filed. The 119  
court promptly shall provide a copy of the social and medical 120  
histories filed with it to the petitioner. In a case involving 121  
the adoption of a minor by any person other than the minor's 122  
stepparent or grandparent, a court may refuse to issue an 123  
interlocutory order or final decree of adoption if the histories 124  
of the biological parents have not been so filed, unless the 125  
assessor certifies to the court that information needed to 126  
prepare the histories is unavailable for reasons beyond the 127  
assessor's control. 128

**Sec. 3107.17.** (A) All hearings held under sections 3107.01 129  
to 3107.19 of the Revised Code shall be held in closed court 130  
without the admittance of any person other than essential 131  
officers of the court, the parties, the witnesses of the 132  
parties, counsel, persons who have not previously consented to 133  
an adoption but who are required to consent, and representatives 134  
of the agencies present to perform their official duties. 135

(B) (1) Except as provided in divisions (B) (2) and (D) of 136  
this section, sections 3107.38 and 3107.381, and sections 137  
3107.60 to 3107.68 of the Revised Code, no person or 138

governmental entity shall knowingly reveal any information 139  
contained in a paper, book, or record pertaining to an adoption 140  
that is part of the permanent record of a court or maintained by 141  
the department of job and family services, an agency, or 142  
attorney without the consent of a court. 143

(2) An agency or attorney may examine the agency's or 144  
attorney's own papers, books, and records pertaining to an 145  
adoption without a court's consent for official administrative 146  
purposes. The department of job and family services may examine 147  
its own papers, books, and records pertaining to an adoption, or 148  
such papers, books, and records of an agency, without a court's 149  
consent for official administrative, certification, and 150  
eligibility determination purposes. 151

(C) The petition, the interlocutory order, the final 152  
decree of adoption, and other adoption proceedings shall be 153  
recorded in a book kept for such purposes and shall be 154  
separately indexed. The book shall be a part of the records of 155  
the court, and all consents, affidavits, and other papers shall 156  
be properly filed. 157

(D) All forms that pertain to the social or medical 158  
histories of the biological parents of an adopted person ~~and~~ 159  
~~that were completed pursuant to section 3107.09, 3107.091, or~~ 160  
~~3107.393 of the Revised Code shall be filed only in the~~ 161  
~~permanent record kept by the court as follows:~~ 162

(1) In the permanent record of the probate court if the 163  
forms were completed pursuant to section 3107.09, 3107.091, or 164  
3107.393 of the Revised Code; 165

(2) With the department of health if: 166

(a) Completed pursuant to division (D) (2) or (D) (3) of 167

section 3107.09 or section 3107.393 of the Revised Code; 168

(b) Received pursuant to division (E) of section 3107.38 169  
of the Revised Code. 170

The department shall maintain any blank social and medical 171  
history form that it receives. 172

(E) During the minority of the adopted person, only the 173  
adoptive parents of the person may inspect the forms. When an 174  
adopted person reaches majority, only the adopted person may 175  
inspect the forms. Under the circumstances described in this 176  
division, an adopted person or the adoptive parents are entitled 177  
to inspect the forms upon requesting the clerk of the court or 178  
the department to produce them. 179

~~(E) (1)~~ (F) (1) The department of job and family services 180  
shall prescribe a form that permits any person who is authorized 181  
by division (D) of this section to inspect forms that pertain to 182  
the social or medical histories of the biological parents and 183  
that were completed pursuant to section 3107.09, 3107.091, or 184  
3107.393 of the Revised Code to request notice if any correction 185  
or expansion of either such history, made pursuant to division 186  
(D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code, is made a part of 187  
the permanent record kept by the court. The form shall be 188  
designed to facilitate the provision of the information and 189  
statements described in division (E) (3) of this section. The 190  
department shall provide copies of the form to each court. A 191  
court shall provide a copy of the request form to each adoptive 192  
parent when a final decree of adoption is entered and shall 193  
explain to each adoptive parent at that time that an adoptive 194  
parent who completes and files the form will be notified of any 195  
correction or expansion of either the social or medical history 196  
of the biological parents of the adopted person made during the 197

minority of the adopted person that is made a part of the 198  
permanent record kept by the court, and that, during the adopted 199  
person's minority, the adopted person may inspect the forms that 200  
pertain to those histories. Upon request, the court also shall 201  
provide a copy of the request form to any adoptive parent during 202  
the minority of the adopted person and to an adopted person who 203  
has reached the age of majority. 204

(2) Any person who is authorized to inspect forms pursuant 205  
to division (D) of this section who wishes to be notified of 206  
corrections or expansions pursuant to division (D) of section 207  
3107.09 of the Revised Code that are made a part of the 208  
permanent record kept by the court shall file with the court, on 209  
a copy of the form prescribed by the department of job and 210  
family services pursuant to division (E) (1) of this section, a 211  
request for such notification that contains the information and 212  
statements required by division (E) (3) of this section. A 213  
request may be filed at any time if the person who files the 214  
request is authorized at that time to inspect forms that pertain 215  
to the social or medical histories. 216

(3) A request for notification as described in division 217  
(E) (2) of this section shall contain all of the following 218  
information: 219

(a) The adopted person's name and mailing address at that 220  
time; 221

(b) The name of each adoptive parent, and if the adoptive 222  
person is a minor at the time of the filing of the request, the 223  
mailing address of each adoptive parent at that time; 224

(c) The adopted person's date of birth; 225

(d) The date of entry of the final decree of adoption; 226



(e) A statement requesting the court to notify the person 227  
who files the request, at the address provided in the request, 228  
if any correction or expansion of either the social or medical 229  
history of the biological parents is made a part of the 230  
permanent record kept by the court; 231

(f) A statement that the person who files the request is 232  
authorized, at the time of the filing, to inspect the forms that 233  
pertain to the social and medical histories of the biological 234  
parents; 235

(g) The signature of the person who files the request. 236

(4) Upon the filing of a request for notification in 237  
accordance with division (E) (2) of this section, the clerk of 238  
the court in which it is filed immediately shall insert the 239  
request in the permanent record of the case. A person who has 240  
filed the request and who wishes to update it with respect to a 241  
new mailing address may inform the court in writing of the new 242  
address. Upon its receipt, the court promptly shall insert the 243  
new address into the permanent record by attaching it to the 244  
request. Thereafter, any notification described in this division 245  
shall be sent to the new address. 246

(5) Whenever a social or medical history of a biological 247  
parent is corrected or expanded and the correction or expansion 248  
is made a part of the permanent record kept by the court, the 249  
court shall ascertain whether a request for notification has 250  
been filed in accordance with division (E) (2) of this section. 251  
If such a request has been filed, the court shall determine 252  
whether, at that time, the person who filed the request is 253  
authorized, under division (D) of this section, to inspect the 254  
forms that pertain to the social or medical history of the 255  
biological parents. If the court determines that the person who 256

filed the request is so authorized, it immediately shall notify 257  
the person that the social or medical history has been corrected 258  
or expanded, that it has been made a part of the permanent 259  
record kept by the court, and that the forms that pertain to the 260  
records may be inspected in accordance with division (D) of this 261  
section. 262

**Sec. 3107.38.** (A) As used in sections 3107.38 to ~~3107.394~~ 263  
3107.395 of the Revised Code: 264

(1) "Adopted person" means a person who was adopted but is 265  
not an adopted person as defined in section 3107.45 of the 266  
Revised Code. 267

(2) "Adoption file" means a file maintained by the 268  
department of health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the 269  
Revised Code. 270

(3) "Biological parent" means a parent, by birth, of a 271  
person who is, or is to become, an adopted person. 272

(4) "Biological parent's name redaction request form" 273  
means the form prescribed under section 3107.391 of the Revised 274  
Code. 275

(5) "Biological sibling" means a sibling, by birth, of a 276  
person who is, or is to become, an adopted person. 277

(6) "Contact preference form" means the form prescribed 278  
under section 3107.39 of the Revised Code. 279

(7) "File of releases" means the filing system for 280  
releases that former section 3107.40 of the Revised Code, as 281  
repealed by Sub. S.B. 23 of the 130th general assembly, required 282  
the department of health to maintain. 283

(8) "Items of identification" include a motor vehicle 284

driver's or commercial driver's license, an identification card 285  
issued under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code, a 286  
marriage application, a social security card, a credit card, a 287  
military identification card, or an employee identification 288  
card. 289

(9) "Lineal descendant of an adopted person" means a 290  
person who by reason of blood or adoption is a lineal descendant 291  
of an adopted person. 292

(10) "Offspring" means a child, by birth, of a person. 293

(11) "Release" means both of the following: 294

(a) A release filed by a biological parent or biological 295  
sibling pursuant to former section 3107.40 of the Revised Code, 296  
as repealed by Sub. S.B. 23 of the 130th general assembly, that 297  
authorized the release of identifying information to the 298  
biological parent's offspring or the release of specified 299  
information to the biological sibling's adopted sibling pursuant 300  
to former section 3107.41 of the Revised Code, as repealed by 301  
Sub. S.B. 23 of the 130th general assembly; 302

(b) A withdrawal of release filed by a biological parent 303  
or biological sibling pursuant to former section 3107.40 of the 304  
Revised Code, as repealed by Sub. S.B. 23 of the 130th general 305  
assembly. 306

(B) Subject to division ~~(C)~~ (F) of this section, an 307  
adopted person or lineal descendant of an adopted person may 308  
submit a written request to the department of health for the 309  
department to provide the adopted person or lineal descendant of 310  
an adopted person with a copy of the contents of the adopted 311  
person's adoption file. The request shall provide the 312  
requester's address and notarized signature and be accompanied 313

by two items of identification of the requester. If the 314  
requester is a lineal descendant of an adopted person, the 315  
request shall also provide notarized documentation evidencing 316  
the requester's relationship to the adopted person. 317

(C) (1) On receipt of a request and payment of the fee 318  
required by section 3705.241 of the Revised Code, the department 319  
shall mail to the requester, at the address provided in the 320  
request, a copy of the contents of the adopted person's adoption 321  
file if the department has an adoption file, including all 322  
releases transferred to the adoption file pursuant to section 323  
3107.381 of the Revised Code, for the adopted person. 324

(2) Each copy of adoption file contents that the 325  
department mails shall include a notice stating the following: 326  
"This copy of adoption file contents represents the entire 327  
adoption file the Ohio Department of Health maintains for the 328  
adopted person subject of the file." The notice shall also 329  
include the date that the copy is mailed and the director's 330  
signature. 331

(D) If the adoption file includes a biological parent's 332  
name redaction request form from a biological parent, the 333  
department shall redact the biological parent's name from the 334  
copy of the contents of the adoption file that is mailed to the 335  
requester. If the department removes the biological parent's 336  
name redaction request form from the adoption file pursuant to 337  
division (D) of section 3107.391 of the Revised Code after the 338  
department mails the copy of the contents of the adoption file 339  
to the requester, the department shall mail to the requester 340  
another copy of the contents with the biological parent's name 341  
included. 342

(F) If the adoption file does not include a social and 343

medical history, regardless of whether or not the file includes 344  
a blank social and medical history form, the department shall 345  
request the clerk of the court that entered the interlocutory 346  
order or final decree of adoption regarding the requester to 347  
provide the history maintained as part of the permanent record 348  
kept by the court, if available. Not later than thirty days 349  
after the date the request is received, the clerk of the court 350  
shall provide to the department a copy of the social and medical 351  
history or a notice that no such history is available in the 352  
permanent record of the court. The department shall mail to the 353  
requestor the history or notice along with the adopted person's 354  
adoption file pursuant to division (C) of this section. If the 355  
file includes a blank social and medical history form, the 356  
department shall mail the blank form to the requester with the 357  
copy of the contents of the adoption file. 358

~~(C)~~-(G) An adopted person or lineal descendant of an 359  
adopted person may not submit a request under this section until 360  
the adopted person or lineal descendant is at least eighteen 361  
years of age. 362

**Sec. 3107.39.** (A) The department of job and family 363  
services shall prescribe a contact preference form for 364  
biological parents. The form shall include all of the following: 365

(1) A component in which a biological parent is to 366  
indicate one of the following regarding a person who receives, 367  
under section 3107.38 of the Revised Code, a copy of the 368  
contents of the adoption file of the parent's offspring: 369

(a) That the biological parent welcomes the person to 370  
contact the parent directly; 371

(b) That the biological parent prefers that the person 372

contact the parent through an intermediary who the parent 373  
specifies on the form; 374

(c) That the biological parent prefers that the person not 375  
contact the parent directly or through an intermediary. 376

(2) Provisions necessary for the department of health to 377  
be able to identify the adoption file of the adopted person to 378  
whom the form pertains; 379

(3) The following notices: 380

(a) If a social and medical history for the biological 381  
parent was not previously prepared or such a history was 382  
prepared but should be corrected or expanded, that the 383  
biological parent is encouraged to do the following as 384  
appropriate: 385

(i) Complete a social and medical history form in 386  
accordance with section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised 387  
Code; 388

(ii) Correct or expand the biological parent's social and 389  
medical history in accordance with division (D) of section 390  
3107.09 of the Revised Code. 391

(b) That a biological parent's preference regarding 392  
contact as indicated on a completed contact preference form is 393  
advisory only and therefore unenforceable; 394

(c) That the biological parent may change the parent's 395  
indicated preference regarding contact by filing a new contact 396  
preference form with the department of health. 397

(4) A space in which the biological parent indicates 398  
whether one or more of the following apply: 399

(a) The biological parent knows that a social and medical history was prepared for the biological parent pursuant to section 3107.09 of the Revised Code;

(b) The biological parent completed a social and medical history form in accordance with section 3107.091 or 3107.393 of the Revised Code;

(c) The biological parent corrected or expanded the biological parent's social and medical history in accordance with division (D) of section 3107.09 of the Revised Code.

(5) A notice of both of the following:

(a) That an adopted person may do either or both of the following:

(i) Inspect, pursuant to division (D) of section 3107.17 of the Revised Code, a social and medical history form of a biological parent of the adopted person maintained by the court that entered the interlocutory order or final decree of adoption regarding the adopted person;

(ii) Submit to that court, pursuant to division (E) of section 3107.17 of the Revised Code, a request for notification of a correction or expansion of a social and medical history of a biological parent of the adopted person.

(b) That an adopted person who does not know which court entered the interlocutory order or final decree of adoption regarding the adopted person may seek assistance from the department of health in accordance with section 3107.171 or 3107.38 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of job and family services shall make the contact preference form prescribed under this section

available to the department of health. 428

(C) The department of health shall make a contact 429  
preference form available to a biological parent on request. The 430  
department of health may accept a completed contact preference 431  
form from a biological parent only if the parent provides it two 432  
items of identification of the parent. If the department of 433  
health determines that it may accept a completed contact 434  
preference form, it shall accept the form. As soon as the 435  
department identifies the adoption file of the adopted person to 436  
whom the form pertains, it shall place the form in that file. If 437  
there is a previously completed contact preference form from the 438  
biological parent in the adopted person's adoption file, the 439  
department of health shall replace the parent's older form with 440  
the parent's new form. 441

(D) Subject to division (C) of this section, a biological 442  
parent may file a completed contact preference form with the 443  
department of health to change the parent's indicated preference 444  
regarding contact as many times as the parent wishes. 445

Sec. 3107.395. If an adoption file contains a redaction 446  
request form under section 3107.391 of the Revised Code, the 447  
department of health shall redact only the biological parent's 448  
name provided on the form. All other information in the adoption 449  
file that contains personal indicators and private health 450  
information, shall not be redacted. This includes: 451

(A) The biological parent's address, city, and county; 452

(B) The name and address, city, and county of a biological 453  
parent who has not submitted a redaction request form; 454

(C) The adopted person's birth name. 455

**Sec. 3705.12.** Upon receipt of the items sent by a probate 456



court pursuant to section 3107.19 of the Revised Code concerning 457  
the adoption of a child born in this state whose adoption was 458  
decreed on or after January 1, 1964, the department of health 459  
shall issue, unless otherwise requested by the adoptive parents, 460  
a new birth record using the child's adopted name and the names 461  
of and data concerning the adoptive parents. The new birth 462  
record shall have the same overall appearance as the record that 463  
would have been issued under section 3705.09 of the Revised Code 464  
if the adopted child had been born to the adoptive parents. 465  
Where handwriting is required to effect that appearance, the 466  
department shall supply the handwriting. 467

Upon the issuance of the new birth record, the original 468  
birth record shall cease to be a public record. The index 469  
references to the original birth record, including references 470  
that were not a public record under this section as it existed 471  
prior to the effective date of this amendment, are a public 472  
record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The department 473  
shall place the original birth record and the items sent by the 474  
probate court pursuant to section 3107.19 of the Revised Code in 475  
an adoption file and seal the file. The contents of the adoption 476  
file are not a public record and shall be available only in 477  
accordance with section 3705.126 of the Revised Code. ~~For the~~ 478  
~~purposes of sections 149.43 and 1347.08 of the Revised Code, the~~ 479  
The contents of the adoption file include any contact preference 480  
form, biological parent's name redaction request form, or social 481  
and medical history accepted and maintained by the department. 482

The department of health shall promptly forward a copy of 483  
the new birth record to the local registrar of vital statistics 484  
of the district in which the birth occurred. The local registrar 485  
shall file a copy of the new birth record along with and in the 486  
same manner as the other copies of birth records in the 487

possession of the local registrar. All copies of the original 488  
birth record and all other papers, documents, and index 489  
references pertaining to the original birth record in the 490  
possession of the local registrar or the probate court shall be 491  
destroyed, except that the probate court shall retain 492  
permanently in the file of the adoption proceedings information 493  
that is necessary to enable the court to identify both the 494  
child's original birth record and the child's new birth record. 495

**Sec. 3705.126.** (A) For purposes of this section, "adoption 496  
file" contents include any contact preference form, biological 497  
parent's name redaction request form, or social and medical 498  
history accepted and maintained by the department of health. 499

(B) The department ~~of health~~ shall neither open an 500  
adoption file nor make its contents available except as follows: 501

~~(A)~~ (1) The department shall inspect the file to determine 502  
the court involved for the purpose of division (D) of section 503  
3107.09 or section 3107.091 or 3107.171 of the Revised Code. 504

~~(B)~~ (2) The department shall make the file's contents 505  
available to an adopted person or lineal descendant of an 506  
adopted person in accordance with section 3107.38 of the Revised 507  
Code. 508

~~(C)~~ (3) The department shall open the file to transfer 509  
releases to the file in accordance with section 3107.381 of the 510  
Revised Code. 511

~~(D)~~ (4) The department shall open the file to file a 512  
contact preference form from a biological parent pursuant to 513  
section 3107.39 of the Revised Code and remove any previously 514  
filed contact preference form from the biological parent. 515

~~(E)~~ (5) The department shall open the file to file a 516

biological parent's name redaction request form pursuant to 517  
division (C) of section 3107.391 of the Revised Code or to 518  
remove and destroy the form pursuant to division (D) of that 519  
section. 520

~~(F)~~ (6) The department shall open the file to file a 521  
denial of release form under division (A) of section 3107.46 of 522  
the Revised Code or an authorization of release form under 523  
division (B) of that section. 524

(7) The department shall open the file to file a social 525  
and medical history form or notice it receives from a probate 526  
court under division (E) of section 3107.38 of the Revised Code. 527

(8) The department shall open the file to file a 528  
biological parent's social and medical history form that it 529  
receives pursuant to division (D) (2) or (3) of section 3107.09 530  
or 3107.393 of the Revised Code. 531

~~(G)~~ (9) The department shall make the file's contents 532  
available to an adopted person or adoptive parent in accordance 533  
with section 3107.47 of the Revised Code. 534

~~(H)~~ (10) The department shall open the file to file a 535  
request from an adopted person under division (A) of section 536  
3107.48 of the Revised Code or to remove and destroy the request 537  
pursuant to division (B) of that section. 538

~~(I)~~ (11) The department shall inspect the file to assist a 539  
birth parent or birth sibling in finding the adopted person's 540  
name by adoption in accordance with section 3107.49 of the 541  
Revised Code. 542

~~(J)~~ (12) The court that decreed the adoption may order 543  
that the contents be made open for inspection or available for 544  
copying. 545

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3107.09, 3107.17, 546  
3107.38, 3107.39, 3705.12, and 3705.126 of the Revised Code are 547  
hereby repealed. 548

**Section 3.** With respect to all copies of adoption file 549  
contents sent by the department of health under section 3107.38 550  
of the Revised Code in which more than biological parent names 551  
were redacted pursuant to a redaction request form, the 552  
department shall mail to the adopted persons or lineal 553  
descendents of the adopted persons corrected copies of those 554  
adoption file contents in which only the biological parent names 555  
are redacted. The department shall mail all corrected copies, at 556  
no additional charge, not later than ninety days after the 557  
effective date of this section. 558

With respect to all copies of adoption file contents sent 559  
by the department in which a biological parent's blank social 560  
and medical history that is on file was not mailed with the rest 561  
of the file, the department shall mail to the adopted persons or 562  
lineal descendents of the adopted persons an additional copy of 563  
the adoption file that includes the blank social and medical 564  
history. The department shall mail the corrected file, at no 565  
additional charge, not later than ninety days after the 566  
effective date of this section. 567