

SENATE FILE NO. SF0021

Required reports in adoptions.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to adoption; requiring a report of adoption
2 to be filed with every petition to adopt a minor; requiring
3 reports be forwarded to the registrar of vital records;
4 making conforming amendments; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-22-104(c) by creating a new
10 paragraph (vi) and (d) and 35-1-416(a) through (c) are
11 amended to read:

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13 **1-22-104. Petition for adoption of minor; by whom**
14 **filed; requisites, confidential nature; inspection;**
15 **separate journal to be kept.**

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1 (c) The following documents shall be filed with every
2 petition to adopt a child:

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4 (vi) A form prescribed and furnished by the
5 state registrar of vital records. The form shall be
6 completed to the extent possible with the information
7 required under W.S. 35-1-416(a) including:

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9 (A) The name of the child prior to
10 adoption;

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12 (B) Sex;

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14 (C) Date of birth;

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16 (D) Place of birth;

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18 (E) Birth certificate number;

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20 (F) Natural mother's full maiden name; and

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22 (G) Natural father's full name.

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1 (d) The petition and documents filed pursuant to this
2 section, and the interlocutory decree, if entered, and the
3 final decree of adoption shall constitute a confidential
4 file and shall be available for inspection only to the
5 judge, or, by order of court, to the parties to the
6 proceedings or their attorneys, except as provided in W.S.
7 35-1-416. Upon the entry of the final decree of adoption,
8 all records in the proceedings shall be sealed and may be
9 available for inspection only by order of court for good
10 cause shown. The clerk of court shall maintain a separate
11 journal for adoption proceedings to be confidential and
12 available for inspection only by order of the court for
13 good cause shown. The court may order inspection of all or
14 part of the confidential file in adoption proceedings only
15 if it appears to the court that the welfare and best
16 interests of the child will be served by the inspection.

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18 **35-1-416. Court reports of adoption.**

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20 (a) For each adoption of a child born in this state,
21 that is decreed by any court in this state, the court shall
22 require the preparation of a report of adoption on a form
23 prescribed and furnished by the state registrar of vital

1 records. The report shall include such facts as are
2 necessary to locate and identify the certificate of birth
3 of the person adopted, provide information necessary to
4 establish new certificate of birth of the person adopted,
5 and shall identify the order of adoption and be certified
6 by the clerk of the court. The ~~state registrar shall also~~
7 ~~be furnished~~ report of adoption as well as a certified copy
8 of adoption decree shall be furnished to the state
9 registrar as specified in subsection (c) of this section.

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11 (b) Whenever an adoption decree is amended or
12 annulled, the clerk of the court shall prepare a report
13 thereof which shall include such facts as are necessary to
14 identify the original adoption report and the facts amended
15 in the adoption decree as necessary to properly amend the
16 birth record. The report of the amended or annulled
17 adoption decree shall be furnished to the state registrar
18 as specified in subsection (c) of this section.

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20 (c) Not later than the fifth day of each calendar
21 month the clerk of court shall forward to the state
22 registrar of vital records the report of adoption, records
23 of decrees of adoption, and any annulment or amendment

1 thereof entered in the preceding month together with such
2 related reports as the state registrar shall require.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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