

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. SF0021

ENROLLED ACT NO. 13, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2018 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) Sex;

(C) Date of birth;

(D) Place of birth;

(E) Birth certificate number;

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

(G) Natural father's full name.

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

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

(a) For each adoption of a child born in this state, that is decreed by any court in this state, the court shall require the preparation of a report of adoption on a form prescribed and furnished by the state registrar of vital records. The report shall include such facts as are necessary to locate and identify the certificate of birth of the person adopted, provide information necessary to establish new certificate of birth of the person adopted, and shall identify the order of adoption and be certified by the clerk of the court. The ~~state registrar shall also be furnished~~ report of adoption as well as a certified copy

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of adoption decree shall be furnished to the state registrar as specified in subsection (c) of this section.

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

(c) Not later than the fifth day of each calendar month the clerk of court shall forward to the state registrar of vital records the report of adoption, records of decrees of adoption, and any annulment or amendment thereof entered in the preceding month together with such related reports as the state registrar shall require.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk