

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2876

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5 By: Representative J. Martin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO A  
9 PETITION FOR ADOPTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO A  
12 PETITION FOR ADOPTION.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(g), regarding the hearing on the  
20 petition for adoption and related requirements, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 (g)(1)~~(A)~~ ~~Before~~ Except as provided under subdivision (g)(2) of this  
23 section, before placement for adoption, the licensed adoption agency or,  
24 where an agency is not involved, the person, entity, or organization handling  
25 the adoption shall compile and provide to the prospective adoptive parents a  
26 detailed, written health history and genetic and social history of the child  
27 which excludes information which would identify birth parents or members of a  
28 birth parent's family.

29 ~~(2)(B)~~ The detailed, written health history and genetic  
30 and social history shall be set forth in a document that is separate from any  
31 document containing information identifying the birth parents or members of a  
32 birth parent's family.

33 ~~(3)(C)~~ The detailed, written health history and genetic  
34 and social history shall be clearly identified as such and shall be filed  
35 with the clerk before the entry of the adoption decree.

36 ~~(4)(D)~~ Upon order of the court for good cause shown, the



1 clerk may tender to a person identified by the court a copy of the detailed,  
2 written health history and genetic and social history.

3 (2) Unless directed by the court, a detailed, written health  
4 history and genetic and social history of the child is not required if:

5 (A) The person to be adopted is an adult;

6 (B) The petitioner is a stepparent; or

7 (C) The petitioner and the child to be adopted are related  
8 to each other within the second degree of consanguinity.

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