

House Bill 1070 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations,  
2 so as to permit the department to use certain information in the department's records  
3 concerning the adopted child's biological parents; to provide for the creation, authorization,  
4 procedure, revocation, rescission, and termination of a power of attorney from a parent,  
5 guardian, or legal custodian of a child to a kinship caregiver for the temporary delegation of  
6 certain power and authority for the care and custody of a child; to provide a short title; to  
7 provide for and correct a definition; to provide for procedure; to provide for legislative  
8 findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is  
12 amended in Code Section 19-8-23, relating to where records of adoption are kept,  
13 examination by parties and attorneys, and use of information by agency and department, by  
14 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

15 "(b.1) The department may, in its sole discretion, make use of any information contained  
16 in the records of the department concerning an adopted child and the adopted child's  
17 biological parents in connection with the placement of another child in the home of the  
18 adoptive parents of the child or in connection with the investigation of a report of child  
19 abuse or neglect made concerning the adopted child's biological parents."

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21 SECTION 2.

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.