



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**DHFS 10/6/2005**

LRB Number <b>05-2262/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-688</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Identifying information about birth parent; age at which adoptee may obtain		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, any person 21 years of age or older whose birth parent's rights have been terminated in this state or who has been adopted in this state with the consent of his or her birth parents may require the Department of Health and Family Services to provide the person's original birth certificate and any available information regarding the identity and location of his or her birth parents. The Department may provide this information only if both birth parents have filed unrevoked affidavits authorizing the department to release this information to the child.

This bill changes the age at which a person may request identifying information about their birth parents from 21 to 18 years of age. The Department's Adoption Search program receives approximately 600 search requests annually. Lowering the age requirement may increase adoption search requests received by the Department, therefore increasing the workload of the Adoption Search program. However, it is estimated that the number of requests that would be received from persons 18 to 20 years of age would be small. Therefore, this bill will not have a fiscal effect on the Department of Health and Family Services or county department of social or human services.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**