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Please review this draft to ensure it complies with your intent. You may also want to have the Department of Children and Families review this draft to make sure there are no unforeseen consequences to its provisions.

According to an employee of adoption records search in the Department of Children and Families, the original birth certificate is stamped with "not for legal use" because a person may not have more than one birth certificate. Therefore, this draft requires that a new birth certificate be created that contains the original information. This original information includes the name of the adoptee given at birth. I am unsure whether the adoptee will have access to all of the information necessary to connect their current name with the name on the birth certificate. You may want to discuss this with the Department of Children and Families or the Department of Health Services.

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