

## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Children and Families**

##### **Assembly Bill 577**

Relating to: access to a deceased adoptee's original birth certificate and information about birth parents by an adult child of the adoptee.

By Representatives Steffen, Horlacher, Mursau, Rozar, Cabrera and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Felzkowski, Wanggaard, L. Taylor and Jacque.

September 22, 2021 Referred to Committee on Children and Families

October 13, 2021 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (11) Representative Snyder; Representatives Ramthun, Kerkman, Vorpapel, Gundrum, James, Dittrich, Billings, Bowen, Vining and Snodgrass.  
Absent: (0) None.  
Excused: (1) Representative Pronschinske.

##### Appearances For

- Legislative Advisor Amanda Merkwae - Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
- Administrator Wendy Henderson - Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Department of Safety and Permanence
- Representative David Steffen
- Senator Robert Cowles
- Beth Mader

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Ho-Chunk Nation

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

October 27, 2021

**Executive Session Held**

Present: (12) Representative Snyder; Representatives Ramthun, Kerkman, Vorpapel, Pronschinske, Gundrum, James, Dittrich, Billings, Bowen, Vining and Snodgrass.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Dittrich, seconded by Representative Gundrum that **Assembly Bill 577** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (12) Representative Snyder; Representatives Ramthun, Kerkman, Vorpapel, Pronschinske, Gundrum, James, Dittrich, Billings, Bowen, Vining and Snodgrass.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

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Sam Hope  
Committee Clerk