

IC 31-19-6

Chapter 6. Search of Paternity Records and Putative Father Registry

IC 31-19-6-1

Request for search of records pending adoption proceedings

Sec. 1. An attorney or agency that arranges an adoption or may arrange an adoption may at any time request that the state department of health search the state department's records of:

- (1) paternity determinations to determine whether a man's paternity of a child has been established in relation to a child who is or may be the subject of an adoption; and
- (2) notices of filings of petitions to establish paternity.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.58-2009, SEC.19.

IC 31-19-6-2

Response to search request

Sec. 2. Not later than five (5) days after receiving a request under section 1 of this chapter, the state department of health shall:

- (1) submit an affidavit to the attorney or agency verifying whether a record of a paternity determination has been filed under IC 31-14-9-2 concerning the child; and
- (2) search the putative father registry established by IC 31-19-5 and notify the attorney or agency, in compliance with IC 31-19-5-16 as to whether a putative father has:
 - (A) registered concerning the child; or
 - (B) filed a petition to establish paternity in relation to the child.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.58-2009, SEC.20.

IC 31-19-6-3

Release of copy of paternity determination and notice of filing of petition to establish paternity

Sec. 3. (a) If a record of a paternity determination has been filed concerning a child who is the subject of a request under section 1 of this chapter, the state department of health shall release a copy of the record of the paternity determination to the requesting attorney or agency.

(b) If a notice of a filing of a petition to establish paternity has been filed concerning a child who is the subject of a request under section 1 of this chapter, the state department of health shall release a copy of the notice of the filing of the petition to the requesting attorney or agency.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.58-2009, SEC.21.