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Bill Number: HB2093H1 Patron: Walker

Bill Title: Adult adoptee access to original birth certificate; contact preference form.

Bill Summary: The bill, as amended, grants any adoptee 18 years of age or older access to his original birth certificate. The bill allows a birth parent to indicate whether they would like to be contacted by an adoptee on a contact preference form provided by the State Registrar that shall accompany the adoptee's original birth certificate. Under the bill, the contact preference form shall be released to an adopted person when he requests his original birth certificate. Evidence of adoption shall not be subject to inspection except upon request by the adult adopted person pursuant to § 63.2-1246, upon order of a court of the Commonwealth, or in accordance with § 32.1-252. The State Registrar may impose a reasonable fee to cover the costs of providing access to or copies of original birth certificates.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact, as amended, is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health to provide a contact preference form. Costs to establish and administer such form are estimated to be less than \$5,000 and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: None