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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4623

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4623 by deleting
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 18.04, 18.05, 18.06, 18.07, 18.1, 18.1a, 18.1b, 18.2,
6 18.3, 18.3a, 18.5, and 18.6 as follows:

7 (750 ILCS 50/18.04)

8 Sec. 18.04. Original Birth Certificate Access ~~The Illinois~~
9 ~~Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange;~~
10 legislative intent. The General Assembly recognizes that it is
11 the basic right of all persons to access their birth records,
12 and, to this end, supports public policy that allows an adult
13 adoptee to access his or her original birth certificate. The
14 General Assembly further recognizes that there are
15 circumstances under which a birth parent may have compelling
16 reasons for wishing to remain anonymous to a child he or she

1 surrendered for adoption. In an effort to balance these
2 interests, the General Assembly supports public policy that
3 releases a non-certified copy of the original birth certificate
4 to an adult adopted person upon request unless a specific
5 request for anonymity has been filed with the Registry by a
6 birth parent named on the original birth certificate ~~the~~
7 ~~importance of creating a procedure by which mutually consenting~~
8 ~~adult members of birth and adoptive families, and adult adopted~~
9 ~~or surrendered persons may voluntarily exchange vital medical~~
10 ~~information throughout the life of the adopted or surrendered~~
11 ~~person. The General Assembly supports public policy that~~
12 ~~requires explicit mutual consent prior to the release of~~
13 ~~confidential information. The General Assembly further~~
14 ~~recognizes that it is in the best interest of adopted and~~
15 ~~surrendered persons that birth family medical histories and the~~
16 ~~preferences regarding contact of all parties to an adoption be~~
17 ~~compiled, preserved and provided to mutually consenting~~
18 ~~members of birth and adoptive families.~~

19 (Source: P.A. 94-173, eff. 1-1-06.)

20 (750 ILCS 50/18.05)

21 Sec. 18.05. The Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical
22 Information Exchange.

23 (a) General function. Subject to appropriation, the
24 Department of Public Health shall administer the Illinois
25 Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange in the