

House Bill 1210 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Sinkfield of the 57th, Taylor of the 134th, Hugley of the 133rd, Anderson of the 116th, Smith of the 19th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to permit licensed child-placing agencies, licensed child-caring institutions assisting the Department of Human Resources to provide foster or adoptive homes for children in the department's custody, or court appointed investigators investigating pending adoption petitions to have access to records of child abuse; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, and inserting in its place the following:

~~"(2) Reserved~~ A licensed child-placing agency, a licensed child-caring institution of this state which is assisting the Department of Human Resources by locating or providing foster or adoptive homes for children in the custody of the department, or an investigator appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction of this state to investigate a pending petition for adoption;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.