

House Bill 1070

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Houston of the 170th, Willard of the 51st, Thomas of the 39th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to adoption, so as to permit the department to use certain information in the
3 department's records concerning the adopted child's biological parents; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 adoption, is amended in Code Section 19-8-23, relating to where records of adoption are
9 kept, examination by parties and attorneys, and use of information by agency and
10 department, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(b.1) The department may, in its sole discretion, make use of any information contained
12 in the records of the department concerning an adopted child and the adopted child's
13 biological parents in connection with the placement of another child in the home of the
14 adoptive parents of the child or in connection with the investigation of a report of child
15 abuse or neglect made concerning the adopted child's biological parents."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.