

## House Bill 993

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital  
2 records, so as to provide for vital records reports and data from the state registrar relating to  
3 child abuse reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records,  
8 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-10-9.2.

10 (a) The state registrar shall provide to the Division of Family and Children Services of the  
11 Department of Human Services copies of or data derived from certificates and reports filed  
12 with the state registrar upon notification by the Division of Family and Children Services  
13 of receipt of a report of abuse or neglect concerning a child or his or her parents or siblings  
14 pursuant to Code Section 19-7-5. Such reports or data shall include records related to birth  
15 or death, fetal death, and putative father registry of this state concerning a child or his or  
16 her parents or siblings.

17 (b) The Department of Public Health, through the state registrar and the Division of  
18 Family and Children Services, shall jointly establish policies, procedures, and schedules  
19 regarding the transmittal of copies of records or data as jointly deemed necessary. The  
20 Department of Public Health and the Division of Family and Children Services shall enter  
21 into agreements as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section and to ensure  
22 compliance with the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and  
23 Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.