

House Bill 681

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to name  
2 changes, so as to provide for the sealing of name change petitions upon request; to provide  
3 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to name changes,  
7 is amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 19-12-1, relating to petition  
8 for name change, request by victim of family violence or human trafficking, notice of filing,  
9 and consent of minor's parents or guardian, as follows:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'Abandoned' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 15-11-2.

12 (2) 'Child' means an unemancipated individual who is under 18 years of age.

13 ~~(3) 'Family violence' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-13-1.~~

14 ~~(4) 'Human trafficking' means an offense provided for under Code Section 16-5-46."~~

