

The Senate Committee on Children and Families offered the following substitute to HB 181:

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 the issuance of a "Certificate of Foreign Birth" by the state  
3 registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; to provide for necessary forms;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other 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 "31-10-13.3.

10 (a) A child who has automatically acquired United States citizenship following a foreign  
11 adoption and who possesses a Certificate of Citizenship in accordance with the federal  
12 Child Citizenship Act of 2000, P. L. 106-395, 114 Stat. 1631, shall be exempt from the  
13 provisions of Code Section 31-10-13, requiring a report of adoption from a court of  
14 competent jurisdiction in this state to acquire a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth.'

15 (b) The state registrar, upon written request, shall prepare a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth'  
16 reflecting the actual date and place of birth for a child who was born in a foreign country,

17 was adopted by a United States citizen, and has automatically acquired citizenship in  
18 accordance with the federal Child Citizenship Act of 2000 upon the production of the  
19 following documents:

20 (1) The child's Certificate of Citizenship;

21 (2) The original documents related to the foreign adoption certified by the United States  
22 Embassy abroad and a certified English translation;

23 (3) A valid government issued form of identification possessing a picture of the parent  
24 or parents, such as a passport or driver's license; and

25 (4) Proof of residency of the parent or parents in the State of Georgia.

26 (c) The state registrar shall develop any necessary forms for adoptive parents to submit in  
27 order to request a 'Certificate of Foreign Birth.'

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.