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Overview

This act permits an adopted adult to receive identifying information about genetic siblings under specified circumstances.

Genetic siblings. Amends § 259.83, by adding subd. 1b. Paragraph (a). Provides that a person who is at least 19 years old and was committed to the guardianship of the commissioner of human services due to a termination of parental rights must be given information about genetic siblings who were adopted or committed to the guardianship of the commissioner, if the person requests this information.

Paragraph (b). States that this assistance must be provided by the county or the placing agency of the person requesting the information to the extent the information is available in existing records at the Department of Human Services. Requires agencies to share information if more than one agency was involved with the siblings. Provides that upon determination that parental rights to the sibling were terminated, identifying information may be shared only with mutual consent and that a reasonable fee may be required.