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Overview

This bill requires an employee or agent of a licensed child placing agency who performs a search for a birth parent to provide specific information to the birth parent when contact is made.

Section

- 1** **Search.** Amends § 259.89, subd. 2. Current law provides that if an adult adopted person seeks contact with a birth parent, then an agent from the commissioner of human services or a licensed child placing agency is to make confidential contact with the birth parent.

This bill requires that when contact is made, the birth parent must be informed that the information on the original birth record will be disclosed unless the birth parent files an affidavit of nondisclosure with the commissioner of health within 30 days. The bill also requires that the birth parent must be informed of the requirement an updated nonidentifying medical history form must be completed and return it to the child placing agency within 30 days if information on the original birth record is not to be disclosed.

The bill updates the information on the affidavit that must be submitted to the Commissioner of Health by the person making contact with the birth parent.