

Subject Access to certain birth records by children's savings program

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Overview

The Office of Vital Records at the Minnesota Department of Health receives reports of births and administers the state's vital records system. Most data contained in vital records is public information. One exception to that general rule classifies data on the birth of a child to a woman not married to the child's father when the child was conceived or born as confidential data, and when the child is born the mother may designate demographic data pertaining to the birth as public. Data that is confidential may only be disclosed or accessed as specifically authorized. This bill adds language allowing an entity administering a children's savings program to access these birth records to open an account for the child.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Data about births.
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	Amends § 144.225, subd. 2. Amends a subdivision classifying data on the birth of a child to a woman not married to the child's father when the child was conceived or born as confidential and authorizing certain disclosures of and access to this data, to also allow an entity administering a children's savings program that starts at birth to access these birth records to open an account in the program for the child as a beneficiary.
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