



HOUSE BILL 818: Birth Certificates for Persons Adopted.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 29, 2025
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H818-CSCI-20		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 818 would do the following:*

- *Allow the register of deeds of the county of the adoptee's birth to access the electronic birth registration system at the State Registrar's office to provide certified copies or abstracts of an adoptee's new birth certificates to the adoptee, the adoptive parents, or the adoptee's children, spouse, or siblings by adoption (authorized individuals) upon their request.*
- *Require the State Registrar's Office to provide digitized copies of adoptee birth certificates within two business days of a request from a county register of deeds when the record has not been digitized.*
- *Prohibit the register of deeds from indexing or filing an adoptee's new birth certificate in the county records.*
- *Exempt adoptee birth certificates from public inspection or examination requirements of G.S. 130A-99.*
- *Prohibit the State Registrar from charging a fee to the county register of deeds for copies of adoptee birth certificates from the electronic birth registration system.*
- *Require registers of deeds and members of their staff who provide copies of adoptee birth certificates to complete initial and annual training by the State Registrar on adoptee information privacy and use of the electronic birth registration system.*
- *Make technical and conforming changes.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 48-9-107 requires that only the State Registrar can provide copies of adoptee birth certificates when requested by the adoptee, the adoptive parents, or the adoptee's children, spouse, or siblings by adoption and provides the procedure for removing the adoptee's original birth certificate from the public records of the county in which the adoptee was born.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 818 would do the following:

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spouse, or siblings by adoption (authorized individuals) upon their request in addition to the State Registrar.

- Require the State Registrar's Office to provide digitized copies of adoptee birth certificates within two business days of a request from a county register of deeds when the record has not been digitized.
- Prohibit the register of deeds from indexing or filing an adoptee's new birth certificate in the county records.
- Exempt adoptee birth certificates from public inspection or examination requirements of G.S. 130A-99.
- Prohibit the State Registrar from charging a fee to the county register of deeds for copies of adoptee birth certificates from the electronic birth registration system.
- Require registers of deeds and members of their staff who provide copies of adoptee birth certificates to complete initial and annual training by the State Registrar on adoptee information privacy and use of the electronic birth registration system.
- Make technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1.1 of this act would become effective January 1, 2026, and apply to adoptee birth certificates available in the electronic birth registration system or awaiting entry into the electronic birth registration system before, on, or after that date. Section 2 of this act would become effective January 1, 2026. Except as otherwise provided, this act would become effective when it becomes law.