

SENATE BILL 248: Birth Certificates for Persons Adopted.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 248 would require the State Registrar to issue copies of new birth certificates for adoptees to registers of deeds in the county of the adoptee's birth and would permit registers of deeds to issue copies of an adoptee's new birth certificate to the adoptee and to the adoptee's children, parents, spouse, brothers, and sisters.

CURRENT LAW: G.S 48-9-107 requires the State Registrar to prepare a new birth certificate for adoptees that contains no reference to the adoption or any reference to the adoptive parents other than as the adoptee's parents. Currently, only the State Registrar can provide copies of an adoptee's new birth certificate to the adoptee or the adoptee's children, parents, spouse, brothers, and sisters.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 248 would require the State Registrar to issue copies of new birth certificates for adoptees to registers of deeds in the county of the adoptee's birth and would authorize county registers of deeds to provide these persons with certified typed copies or abstracts of new birth certificates for adoptees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Senate Bill 248 would become effective October 1, 2025, and would to apply to new birth certificates of persons adopted before, on, or after that date.

