

**ADOPTION LAW REVISIONS**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Rosalind J. McGee**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions regarding reporting requirements for child placing agencies.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires a child placing agency to provide to the Office of Licensing within the Department of Human Services an accounting for:
  - fees and expenses in connection with private adoptions; and
  - the state of residence for the birth mother and the adoptive parent or parents.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**78-30-15.5**, as last amended by Chapter 174, Laws of Utah 1997

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **78-30-15.5** is amended to read:

**78-30-15.5. Itemization of fees and expenses.**

(1) Prior to the date that a final decree of adoption is entered, an affidavit regarding fees and expenses, signed by the adoptive parent or parents and the person or ~~[agent]~~ agency placing the child, shall be filed with the court. That affidavit shall itemize ~~[all fees paid, items exchanged, and services rendered in connection with the adoption and shall state]~~ the following

items in connection with the adoption:

(a) all legal expenses, maternity expenses, medical or hospital expenses, and living expenses which have been or will be paid to or on behalf of the birth mother or biological father, including the source of payment;

(b) fees paid by the prospective adoptive parent or parents in connection with the adoption;

(c) all gifts, property, or other items which have been or will be provided to the birth mother or biological father, including the source of the gifts, property, or other items;

(d) all public funds used for any medical or hospital costs in connection with the pregnancy and delivery of the child or care of the child;

(e) the state of residence of the prospective adoptive parent or parents;

(f) a description of services provided to the prospective adoptive parent or parents or biological parents in connection with the adoption; and

(g) that the requirements of Section 76-7-203 have been complied with.

(2) A copy of this affidavit shall be provided to the Office of Licensing within the Department of Human Services.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) This section does not apply if the adoptive parent is the legal spouse of the birth parent.