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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

House Committee:

Bill: Senate File 517 (Formerly HF 720)

Committee: **Judiciary** Floor Manager: Rep. Lohse Date: May 8, 2023

Staff: Amanda Wille (1-5230)

House Floor: Senate Floor: Governor:

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Birth Certificates- Biological Parents

 HF 720 allows a person, who was adopted as a child to get a noncertified birth certificate that includes names of their biological parents if the names were omitted from the original birth certificate.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Vital Statistics-Biological Parent Information- Amendment of Original Certificate of Birth (144.23A) This new section allows an adult, who has been adopted, to add their biological parent to an original birth certificate by reestablishing the original. This does not replace the original birth certificate but does provide the adult with a reestablished noncertified copy of their birth certificate with their biological parent's name.

Standards for how this change is done are set in the section.

Clarifies that an adult, who was adopted as a child, can apply for and receive a noncertified reestablished original birth certificate with the biological parent listed.

Section 2 –Vital Statistics- Substituting New for Original Birth Certificates- Inspection (144.24) Conforming changes

Section 3- Vital Statistics- Certification of Birth- Foreign and International Adoptions (144.24A) Conforming changes relating to issuing a noncertified copy of an amended original birth certificate.

Amendment Analysis