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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-139, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)(1) Upon written petition of a non-adopted sibling twenty-one (21) years of age or older, the department shall search the sealed adoption records of adopted siblings at least twenty-one (21) years of age or older, for information concerning the location of the petitioner's brother, half-brother, sister or half-sister.

(2) Upon locating the petitioner's sibling, the department shall notify the sibling of the inquiry. Upon written consent of the sibling, the department shall forward the petitioner's name and address to the sibling, and upon further written consent of the sibling, shall divulge to the petitioner the current name and address of the sibling.

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(3) If the sibling is deceased, or cannot be identified or located, the department shall release the name of the sibling to the petitioner.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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