

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1655

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Adoption Code;  
8 amending 10 O.S. 2021, Section 7505-1.1, which  
9 relates to confidential character of hearings and  
records; modifying applicability of certain  
provisions; defining terms; updating statutory  
language; and declaring an emergency.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 7505-1.1, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 7505-1.1. A. Unless otherwise ordered by the district  
16 court exercising jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding, all  
17 hearings held in proceedings pursuant to the Oklahoma Adoption Code  
18 shall be confidential and shall be held in closed court without  
19 admittance of any person other than interested parties and their  
20 counsel.

21 B. All papers, records, and books of proceedings in adoption  
22 cases and any papers, records, and books relating to such  
23 proceedings:

1       1. Shall be kept as a permanent record of the court and  
2 maintained in a separate file by the court clerk; and  
3       2. Shall be confidential and shall not be open to inspection or  
4 copy except as authorized in Sections 7504-1.2, 7505-3.2, 7505-6.6,  
5 7508-1.2 and 7508-1.3 of this title or upon order of a court of  
6 record for good cause shown.

7       C. Upon application and notice to the person or agency in whose  
8 possession the records being sought are held, and for good cause  
9 being shown, any court of record may, by written order reciting its  
10 findings, permit the necessary information to be released, or may  
11 restrict the purposes for which it shall be used. The findings  
12 shall include the reasons the information being sought cannot be  
13 obtained through the methods authorized by Sections 7504-1.2, 7505-  
14 3.2, 7505-6.6, 7508-1.2 and 7508-1.3 of this title.

15       D. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit persons:

16       1. Persons employed by the court, the Department of Human  
17 Services, a child-placing agency, an attorney participating or  
18 assisting in a direct placement adoption, or any physician,  
19 minister, or other person or entity assisting or participating in an  
20 adoption from providing partial or complete identifying information  
21 between a biological parent and prospective adoptive or adoptive  
22 parent if a biological parent and a prospective adoptive or adoptive  
23 parent mutually agree to share specific identifying information and  
24 each gives written, signed notice of their agreement to the court,  
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1 the Department of Human Services, the child-placing agency, or any  
2 attorney participating or assisting in the direct placement adoption  
3 pursuant to the Oklahoma Adoption Code; or

4 2. Persons employed by the Department of Human Services from  
5 sharing the contact information of an adoptive parent of an adopted  
6 child enrolled in the Children's Specialty Plan, and other relevant  
7 information necessary for the continuity of care of the child, with  
8 the contracted entity that administers the Children's Specialty  
9 Plan. As used in this paragraph, the terms "Children's Specialty  
10 Plan" and "contracted entity" have the same meanings as provided in  
11 Section 4002.2 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 E. Any person in charge of adoption records or having access to  
13 adoption records or information who discloses any information,  
14 including, but not limited to, all records and reports relevant to  
15 the case and any records and reports of examination of the minor's  
16 parent or other custodian pertaining to an adoption proceeding,  
17 contrary to the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof,  
18 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.