1 AN ACT concerning children.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 5-1.7 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-1.7 new)

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Sec. 5-1.7. Presumptive eligibility; abandoned infants. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, any newborn infant who is relinquished and receives emergency or medical care in accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act shall be deemed presumptively eligible for medical assistance under this Article. The Department shall accept and process all claims for reimbursement submitted by a health care provider or child welfare agency that provides medical services to an infant in accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. The Department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for federal approval any waiver application or State Plan amendment as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. As used in this Section, "newborn infant" and "relinquished" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

Section 10. The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act is amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 20, 22, 35, 37, 40, 50, and 55 as follows:

(325 ILCS 2/5)

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Sec. 5. Public policy. Illinois recognizes that newborn infants have been abandoned to the environment or to other circumstances that may be unsafe to the newborn infant. These circumstances have caused injury and death to newborn infants and give rise to potential civil or criminal liability to parents who may be under severe emotional distress. It is recognized that establishing an adoption plan is preferable to relinquishing a child using the procedures outlined in this Act, but to reduce the chance of injury to a newborn infant, this Act provides a safer alternative. This Act is intended to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment and for the parents of the infant to remain anonymous if they choose and to avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinquishing the infant. It is recognized that establishing an adoption plan is preferable to relinquishing a child using the procedures outlined in this Act, but to reduce the chance of injury to a newborn infant, this Act provides a safer alternative.

A public information campaign on this delicate issue shall be implemented to encourage parents considering abandonment of their newborn child to relinquish the child under the

- 1 procedures outlined in this Act, to choose a traditional
- 2 adoption plan, or to parent a child themselves rather than
- 3 place the newborn infant in harm's way.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01.)
- 5 (325 ILCS 2/10)
- 6 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:
- 7 "Abandon" has the same meaning as in the Abused and 8 Neglected Child Reporting Act.
- 9 "Abused child" has the same meaning as in the Abused and
 10 Neglected Child Reporting Act.
- "Child welfare Child-placing agency" means an Illinois a

 licensed public or private agency that receives a child for

 the purpose of placing or arranging for the placement of the

 child in a foster pre-adoptive family home or other facility

 for child care, apart from the custody of the child's parents.
- "Department" or "DCFS" means the Illinois Department of
 Children and Family Services.
- "Emergency medical facility" means a freestanding
 emergency center or trauma center, as defined in the Emergency
 Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.
- "Emergency medical professional" includes licensed physicians, and any emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician emergency medical technician advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic, trauma nurse specialist, and pre-hospital registered nurse, as defined in the Emergency

- 1 Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act.
- 2 "Fire station" means a fire station within the State with
- 3 at least one staff person.
- 4 "Hospital" has the same meaning as in the Hospital
- 5 Licensing Act.
- 6 "Legal custody" means the relationship created by a court
- 7 order in the best interest of a newborn infant that imposes on
- 8 the infant's custodian the responsibility of physical
- 9 possession of the infant, the duty to protect, train, and
- 10 discipline the infant, and the duty to provide the infant with
- 11 food, shelter, education, and medical care, except as these
- are limited by parental rights and responsibilities.
- "Neglected child" has the same meaning as in the Abused
- and Neglected Child Reporting Act.
- "Newborn infant" means a child who a licensed physician
- 16 reasonably believes is 30 days old or less at the time the
- 17 child is initially relinquished to a hospital, police station,
- 18 fire station, or emergency medical facility, and who is not an
- 19 abused or a neglected child.
- "Police station" means a municipal police station, a
- 21 county sheriff's office, a campus police department located on
- 22 any college or university owned or controlled by the State or
- any private college or private university that is not owned or
- 24 controlled by the State when employees of the campus police
- department are present, or any of the district headquarters of
- the Illinois State Police.

"Relinquish" means to bring a newborn infant, who a 1 2 licensed physician reasonably believes is 30 days old or less, to a hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency 3 medical facility and to leave the infant with personnel of the 5 facility, if the person leaving the infant does not express an 6 intent to return for the infant or states that he or she will not return for the infant. In the case of a mother who gives 7 8 birth to an infant in a hospital, the mother's act of leaving 9 that newborn infant at the hospital (i) without expressing an 10 intent to return for the infant or (ii) stating that she will 11 not return for the infant is not a "relinquishment" under this 12 Act.

- "Temporary protective custody" means the temporary
 placement of a newborn infant within a hospital or other
 medical facility out of the custody of the infant's parent.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 97-293, eff. 8-11-11; 98-973, eff. 8-15-14.)
- 17 (325 ILCS 2/20)
- Sec. 20. Procedures with respect to relinquished newborn infants.
- 20 (a) Hospitals. Every hospital must accept and provide all
 21 necessary emergency services and care to a relinquished
 22 newborn infant, in accordance with this Act. The hospital
 23 shall examine a relinquished newborn infant and perform tests
 24 that, based on reasonable medical judgment, are appropriate in
 25 evaluating whether the relinquished newborn infant was abused

1 or neglected.

The act of relinquishing a newborn infant serves as implied consent for the hospital and its medical personnel and physicians on staff to treat and provide care for the infant.

The hospital shall be deemed to have temporary protective custody of a relinquished newborn infant until the infant is discharged to the custody of a <a href="https://chiedu.com/chiedu.chiedu

- under this Act shall be deemed presumptively eliqible for medicaid assistance under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Any health care provider or child welfare agency that provides medical services to an infant under this Act shall send all bills related to those medical services directly to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for reimbursement.
- (b) Fire stations and emergency medical facilities. Every fire station and emergency medical facility must accept and provide all necessary emergency services and care to a relinquished newborn infant, in accordance with this Act.

The act of relinquishing a newborn infant serves as implied consent for the fire station or emergency medical facility and its emergency medical professionals to treat and provide care for the infant, to the extent that those emergency medical professionals are trained to provide those services.

After the relinquishment of a newborn infant to a fire station or emergency medical facility, the fire station or emergency medical facility's personnel must arrange for the transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital as soon as transportation can be arranged.

If the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the child within 30 days 72 hours after relinquishing the child to a fire station or emergency medical facility, the fire station or emergency medical facility must inform the parent of the name and location of the hospital to which the infant was transported.

(c) Police stations. Every police station must accept a relinquished newborn infant, in accordance with this Act. After the relinquishment of a newborn infant to a police station, the police station must arrange for the transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital as soon as transportation can be arranged. The act of relinquishing a newborn infant serves as implied consent for the hospital to which the infant is transported and that hospital's medical personnel and physicians on staff to treat and provide care for the infant.

If the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the infant within 72 hours after relinquishing the infant to a police station, the police station must inform the parent of the name and location of the hospital to which the infant was transported.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01;
- 2 93-820, eff. 7-27-04.)
- 3 (325 ILCS 2/22)
- 4 Sec. 22. Signage Signs. Every hospital, fire station,
- 5 emergency medical facility, and police station that is
- 6 required to accept a relinquished newborn infant in accordance
- 7 with this Act must post, either by physical or electronic
- 8 means, a sign in a conspicuous place on the exterior of the
- 9 building housing the facility informing persons that a newborn
- 10 infant may be relinquished at the facility in accordance with
- 11 this Act. The Department shall prescribe specifications for
- 12 the signs and for their placement that will ensure statewide
- 13 uniformity.
- 14 This Section does not apply to a hospital, fire station,
- 15 emergency medical facility, or police station that has a sign
- that is consistent with the requirements of this Section that
- is posted on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
- 18 95th General Assembly.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 102-4, eff. 4-27-21.)
- 20 (325 ILCS 2/35)
- Sec. 35. Information for relinquishing person.
- 22 (a) A hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency
- 23 medical facility that receives a newborn infant relinquished
- in accordance with this Act must offer an information packet

- to the relinquishing person and, if possible, must clearly inform the relinquishing person that his or her acceptance of the information is completely voluntary. The information packet must include all of the following:
 - (1) (Blank).
 - (2) Written notice of the following:
 - (A) No sooner than 60 days following the date of the initial relinquishment of the infant to a hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency medical facility, the <u>child welfare</u> child placing agency or the Department will commence proceedings for the termination of parental rights and placement of the infant for adoption.
 - (B) Failure of a parent of the infant to contact the Department and petition for the return of custody of the infant before termination of parental rights bars any future action asserting legal rights with respect to the infant.
 - (3) A resource list of providers of counseling services including grief counseling, pregnancy counseling, and counseling regarding adoption and other available options for placement of the infant.
 - Upon request of a parent, the Department of Public Health shall provide the application forms for the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Exchange.
 - (b) The information packet given to a relinquishing parent

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- in accordance with this Act shall include, in addition to other information required under this Act, the following:
 - (1) A brochure (with a self-mailer attached) that describes this Act and the rights of birth parents, including an optional section for the parent to complete and mail to the Department of Children and Family Services, that shall ask for basic anonymous background information about the relinquished child. This brochure shall be maintained by the Department on its website.
 - (2) A brochure that describes the Illinois Adoption Registry, including a toll-free number and website information. This brochure shall be maintained on the Office of Vital Records website.
- 14 (3) A brochure describing postpartum health
 15 information for the mother.

The information packet shall be designed in coordination between the Office of Vital Records and the Department of Children and Family Services, with the exception of the resource list of providers of counseling services and adoption agencies, which shall be provided by the hospital, fire station, police station, sheriff's office, or emergency medical facility.

- 23 (Source: P.A. 96-1114, eff. 7-20-10; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)
- 24 (325 ILCS 2/37)
- 25 Sec. 37. Public disclosure of information prohibited.

- 1 Emergency medical professionals, employees, or other persons
- 2 engaged in the administration or operation of a fire station,
- 3 police station, hospital, emergency medical facility, child
- 4 welfare child placing agency, or the Department where a
- 5 newborn infant baby has been relinquished or transferred under
- 6 this Act, are prohibited from publicly disclosing any
- 7 information concerning the relinquishment of the infant and
- 8 the individuals involved, except as otherwise provided by law.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 95-549, eff. 6-1-08.)
- 10 (325 ILCS 2/40)
- 11 Sec. 40. Reporting requirements.
- 12 (a) Within 12 hours after accepting a newborn infant from
- 13 a relinquishing person or from a police station, fire station,
- or emergency medical facility in accordance with this Act, a
- 15 hospital must report to the Department's State Central
- Registry for the purpose of transferring physical custody of
- 17 the infant from the hospital to either a child welfare
- 18 child placing agency or the Department.
- 19 (b) Within 24 hours after receiving a report under
- 20 subsection (a), the Department must request assistance from
- 21 law enforcement officials to investigate the matter using the
- 22 National Crime Information Center to ensure that the
- 23 relinquished newborn infant is not a missing child.
- 24 (c) Once a hospital has made a report to the Department
- 25 under subsection (a), the Department must arrange for a

- 1 licensed <u>child welfare</u> child-placing agency to accept physical
- 2 custody of the relinquished newborn infant.
- 3 (d) If a relinquished child is not a newborn infant as
- 4 defined in this Act, the hospital and the Department must
- 5 proceed as if the child is an abused or neglected child.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01;
- 7 93-820, eff. 7-27-04.)
- 8 (325 ILCS 2/50)
- 9 Sec. 50. <u>Child welfare</u> Child placing agency procedures.
- 10 (a) The Department's State Central Registry must maintain
- 11 a list of licensed <u>child welfare</u> child-placing agencies
- 12 willing to take legal custody of newborn infants relinquished
- in accordance with this Act. The child welfare child-placing
- 14 agencies on the list must be contacted by the Department on a
- 15 rotating basis upon notice from a hospital that a newborn
- infant has been relinquished in accordance with this Act.
- 17 (b) Upon notice from the Department that a newborn infant
- has been relinquished in accordance with this Act, a child
- 19 welfare child-placing agency must accept the newborn infant if
- 20 the agency has the accommodations to do so. The child welfare
- 21 child-placing agency must seek an order for legal custody of
- the infant upon its acceptance of the infant.
- 23 (c) Within 3 business days after accepting the referral
- 24 from the Department assuming physical custody of the infant,
- 25 the child welfare child placing agency shall file a petition

- for custody in the division of the circuit court in which petitions for adoption would normally be heard. The petition for custody shall allege that the newborn infant has been relinquished in accordance with this Act and shall request state that the child welfare child placing agency be given the authority intends to place the infant in an adoptive home, foster home, child care facility, or other facility appropriate for the needs of the infant. No filing or appearance fees shall be charged to any petitioner.
 - (d) If no licensed <u>child welfare</u> child placing agency is able to accept the relinquished newborn infant, then the Department must assume responsibility for the infant as soon as practicable.
 - (e) A custody order issued under subsection (b) shall grant the child welfare agency the authority to make medical and health-related decisions for the infant. The order shall remain in effect until a final adoption order based on the relinquished newborn infant's best interests is issued in accordance with this Act and the Adoption Act.
 - (f) When possible, the <u>child welfare</u> child-placing agency must place a relinquished newborn infant in a prospective adoptive home.
 - (g) The Department or <u>child welfare child-placing</u> agency must initiate proceedings to (i) terminate the parental rights of the relinquished newborn infant's known or unknown parents, (ii) appoint a guardian for the infant, and (iii) obtain

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- consent to the infant's adoption in accordance with this Act
 no sooner than 60 days following the date of the initial
 relinquishment of the infant to the hospital, police station,
 fire station, or emergency medical facility.
 - (h) Before filing a petition for termination of parental rights, the Department or <u>child welfare</u> <u>child placing</u> agency must do the following:
 - (1)Search its Putative Father Registry for the purpose of determining the identity and location of the putative father of the relinquished newborn infant who is, is expected to be, the subject of an adoption proceeding, in order to provide notice of the proceeding the putative father. At least one search of the Registry must be conducted, at least 30 days after the relinquished newborn infant's estimated date of birth; earlier searches may be conducted, however. Notice to any potential putative father discovered in a search of the Registry according to the estimated age of the relinquished newborn infant must be in accordance with Section 12a of the Adoption Act.
 - (2) Verify with law enforcement officials, using the National Crime Information Center, that the relinquished newborn infant is not a missing child.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01;
- 25 93-820, eff. 7-27-04.)

1 (325 ILCS 2/55)

- 2 Sec. 55. Petition for return of custody.
- 3 (a) A parent of a newborn infant relinquished in 4 accordance with this Act may petition for the return of 5 custody of the infant before the termination of parental 6 rights with respect to the infant.
 - (b) A parent of a newborn infant relinquished in accordance with this Act may petition for the return of custody of the infant by contacting the Department for the purpose of obtaining the name of the child-placing agency and then filing a petition for return of custody in the circuit court in which the proceeding for the termination of parental rights is pending.
 - (c) If a petition for the termination of parental rights has not been filed by the Department or the <u>child welfare</u> thild placing agency, the parent of the relinquished newborn infant must contact the Department, which must notify the parent of the appropriate court in which the petition for return of custody must be filed.
 - (d) The circuit court may hold the proceeding for the termination of parental rights in abeyance for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date that the petition for return of custody was filed without a showing of good cause. During that period:
 - (1) The court shall order genetic testing to establish maternity or paternity, or both.

- (2) The Department shall conduct a child protective investigation and home study to develop recommendations to the court.
 - (3) When indicated as a result of the Department's investigation and home study, further proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 as the court determines appropriate, may be conducted. However, relinquishment of a newborn infant in accordance with this Act does not render the infant abused, neglected, or abandoned solely because the newborn infant was relinquished to a hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency medical facility in accordance with this Act.
- (e) Failure to file a petition for the return of custody of a relinquished newborn infant before the termination of parental rights bars any future action asserting legal rights with respect to the infant unless the parent's act of relinquishment that led to the termination of parental rights involved fraud perpetrated against and not stemming from or involving the parent. No action to void or revoke the termination of parental rights of a parent of a newborn infant relinquished in accordance with this Act, including an action based on fraud, may be commenced after 12 months after the date that the newborn infant was initially relinquished to a hospital, police station, fire station, or emergency medical facility.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 92-408, eff. 8-17-01; 92-432, eff. 8-17-01;

- 1 93-820, eff. 7-27-04.)
- 2 Section 15. The Immunization Data Registry Act is amended
- 3 by changing Section 20 as follows:
- 4 (410 ILCS 527/20)
- 5 Sec. 20. Confidentiality of information; release of
- 6 information; statistics; panel on expanding access.
- 7 (a) Records maintained as part of the immunization data
- 8 registry are confidential.
- 9 (b) The Department may release an individual's
- 10 confidential information to the individual or to the
- individual's parent or guardian if the individual is less than
- 12 18 years of age.
- 13 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this Section, the
- 14 Department may release information in the immunization data
- registry concerning an individual to the following entities:
- 16 (1) The immunization data registry of another state.
- 17 (2) A health care provider or a health care provider's
- designee.
- 19 (3) A local health department.
- 20 (4) An elementary or secondary school that is attended
- 21 by the individual.
- 22 (5) A licensed child care center in which the
- 23 individual is enrolled.
- 24 (6) A licensed <u>child welfare</u> child placing agency.

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- 1 (7) A college or university that is attended by the individual.
 - (8) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services or a managed care entity contracted with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to coordinate the provision of medical care to enrollees of the medical assistance program.
 - (d) Before immunization data may be released to an entity, the entity must enter into an agreement with the Department that provides that information that identifies a patient will not be released to any other person without the written consent of the patient.
- 13 (e) The Department may release summary statistics 14 regarding information in the immunization data registry if the 15 summary statistics do not reveal the identity of an 16 individual.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 97-117, eff. 7-14-11; 98-651, eff. 6-16-14.)
- Section 20. The Illinois Parentage Act of 2015 is amended by changing Section 602 as follows:
- 20 (750 ILCS 46/602)
- Sec. 602. Standing. A complaint to adjudicate parentage shall be verified, shall be designated a petition, and shall name the person or persons alleged to be the parent of the child. Subject to Article 3 and Sections 607, 608, and 609 of

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| 1 | this Act, a proceeding to adjudicate parentage may be |
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| 2 | maintained by: |
| 3 | (a) the child; |
| 4 | (b) the mother of the child; |
| 5 | (c) a pregnant woman; |
| 6 | (d) a man presumed or alleging himself to be the |
| 7 | parent of the child; |
| 8 | (e) a woman presumed or alleging herself to be the |
| 9 | parent of the child; |
| 10 | (f) the support-enforcement agency or other |
| 11 | governmental agency authorized by other law; |
| 12 | (g) any person or public agency that has physical |
| 13 | possession of or has custody of or has been allocated |
| 14 | parental responsibilities for, is providing financial |
| 15 | support to, or has provided financial support to the |
| 16 | child; |
| 17 | (h) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services |
| 18 | if it is providing, or has provided, financial support to |
| 19 | the child or if it is assisting with child support |
| 20 | collections services; |
| 21 | (i) an authorized adoption agency or licensed <u>child</u> |
| 22 | <pre>welfare ehild-placing agency;</pre> |
| 23 | (j) a representative authorized by law to act for an |
| 24 | individual who would otherwise be entitled to maintain a |

proceeding but who is deceased, incapacitated, or a minor;

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- (k) an intended parent.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 99-85, eff. 1-1-16; 99-769, eff. 1-1-17.)
- 3 Section 25. The Adoption Act is amended by changing
- 4 Sections 4.1 and 10 as follows:
- 5 (750 ILCS 50/4.1) (from Ch. 40, par. 1506)
- Sec. 4.1. Adoption between multiple jurisdictions. It is 6 7 the public policy of this State to promote child welfare in 8 adoption between multiple jurisdictions by implementing 9 standards that foster permanency for children in an 10 expeditious manner while considering the best interests of the 11 child paramount. Ensuring that as standards 12 interjurisdictional adoption are clear and applied 13 consistently, efficiently, and reasonably will promote the 14 best interests of the child in finding a permanent home.
 - (a) The Department of Children and Family Services shall promulgate rules regarding the approval and regulation of agencies providing, in this State, adoption services, as defined in Section 2.24 of the Child Care Act of 1969, which shall include, but not be limited to, a requirement that any agency shall be licensed in this State as a child welfare agency as defined in Section 2.08 of the Child Care Act of 1969. Any out-of-state agency, if not licensed in this State as a child welfare agency, must obtain the approval of the Department in order to act as a sending agency, as defined in

- (1) A copy of the agency's current license or other form of authorization from the approving authority in the agency's state. If no license or authorization is issued, the agency must provide a reference statement, from the approving authority, stating that the agency is authorized to place children in foster care or adoption or both in its jurisdiction.
- (2) A description of the program, including home studies, placements, and supervisions, that the <u>child</u> welfare <u>child placing</u> agency conducts within its geographical area, and, if applicable, adoptive placements and the finalization of adoptions. The <u>child welfare child placing</u> agency must accept continued responsibility for placement planning and replacement if the placement fails.
- (3) Notification to the Department of any significant child welfare child placing agency changes after approval.
 - (4) Any other information the Department may require.

The rules shall also provide that any agency that places children for adoption in this State may not, in any policy or practice relating to the placement of children for adoption, discriminate against any child or prospective adoptive parent on the basis of race.

- (a-5) (Blank).
- (b) Interstate adoptions.
- (1) All interstate adoption placements under this Act shall comply with the Child Care Act of 1969 and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. The placement of children with relatives by the Department of Children and Family Services shall also comply with subsection (b) of Section 7 of the Children and Family Services Act. The Department may promulgate rules to implement interstate adoption placements, including those requirements set forth in this Section.
- (2) If an adoption is finalized prior to bringing or sending a child to this State, compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children is not required.
- (3) Approval requirements. The Department shall promulgate procedures for interstate adoption placements of children under this Act. No later than September 24, 2017 (30 days after the effective date of Public Act 100-344), the Department shall distribute a written list of all preadoption approval requirements to all Illinois

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licensed child welfare agencies performing adoption services, and all out-of-state agencies approved under this Section, and shall post the requirements on the Department's website. The Department may not require any further preadoption requirements other than those set forth in the procedures required under this paragraph. The procedures shall reflect the standard of review as stated in the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and approval shall be given by the Department if the placement appears not to be contrary to the best interests of the child.

(4) Time for review and decision. In all cases where the child to be placed is not a youth in care in Illinois or any other state, a provisional or final approval for placement shall be provided in writing from the Department in accordance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. Approval or denial of the placement must be given by the Department as soon as practicable, but in no event more than 3 business days of the receipt of the completed referral packet by the Department's Interstate Compact Administrator. Receipt of the packet shall be evidenced by the packet's arrival at the designated by the Department to receive such referrals. The written decision to approve or deny the placement shall be communicated in an expeditious manner, including, not limited to, electronic means referenced in but

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paragraph (b) (7) of this Section, and shall be provided to all Illinois licensed child welfare agencies involved in the placement, all out-of-state child placing agencies involved in the placement, and all attorneys representing the prospective adoptive parent or biological parent. If, during its initial review of the packet, the Department believes there are any incomplete or missing documents, or missing information, as required in paragraph (b)(3), the Department shall, as soon as practicable, but in no event more than 2 business days of receipt of the packet, communicate a list of any incomplete or missing documents and information to all Illinois licensed child welfare agencies involved in the placement, all out-of-state child placing agencies involved in the placement, and all attorneys representing the adoptive parent or biological parent. This list shall be communicated in an expeditious manner, including, but not limited to, electronic means referenced in paragraph (b) (7) of this Section.

(5) Denial of approval. In all cases where the child to be placed is not a youth in the care of any state, if the Department denies approval of an interstate placement, the written decision referenced in paragraph (b)(4) of this Section shall set forth the reason or reasons why the placement was not approved and shall reference which requirements under paragraph (b)(3) of this Section were not met. The written decision shall be communicated in an

expeditious manner, including, but not limited to, electronic means referenced in paragraph (b)(7) of this Section, to all Illinois licensed child welfare agencies involved in the placement, all out-of-state child placing agencies involved in the placement, and all attorneys representing the prospective adoptive parent or biological parent.

- (6) Provisional approval. Nothing in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this Section shall preclude the Department from issuing provisional approval of the placement pending receipt of any missing or incomplete documents or information.
- (7) Electronic communication. All communications concerning an interstate placement made between the Department and an Illinois licensed child welfare agency, an out-of-state child placing agency, and attorneys representing the prospective adoptive parent or biological parent, including the written communications referenced in this Section, may be made through any type of electronic means, including, but not limited to, electronic mail.
- (c) Intercountry adoptions. The adoption of a child, if the child is a habitual resident of a country other than the United States and the petitioner is a habitual resident of the United States, or, if the child is a habitual resident of the United States and the petitioner is a habitual resident of a country other than the United States, shall comply with the

Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, as amended, and the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. In the case of an intercountry adoption that requires oversight by the adoption services governed by the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012, this State shall not impose any additional preadoption requirements.

(d) (Blank).

- (e) Re-adoption after an intercountry adoption.
- (1) Any time after a minor child has been adopted in a foreign country and has immigrated to the United States, the adoptive parent or parents of the child may petition the court for a judgment of adoption to re-adopt the child and confirm the foreign adoption decree.
- (2) The petitioner must submit to the court one or more of the following to verify the foreign adoption:
 - (i) an immigrant visa for the child issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that was valid at the time of the child's immigration;
 - (ii) a decree, judgment, certificate of adoption, adoption registration, or equivalent court order, entered or issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or administrative body outside the United States, establishing the relationship of parent and child by adoption; or
 - (iii) such other evidence deemed satisfactory by

1 the court.

- (3) The child's immigrant visa shall be prima facie proof that the adoption was established in accordance with the laws of the foreign jurisdiction and met United States requirements for immigration.
- (4) If the petitioner submits documentation that satisfies the requirements of paragraph (2), the court shall not appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor who is the subject of the proceeding, shall not require any further termination of parental rights of the child's biological parents, nor shall it require any home study, investigation, post-placement visit, or background check of the petitioner.
- (5) The petition may include a request for change of the child's name and any other request for specific relief that is in the best interests of the child. The relief may include a request for a revised birth date for the child if supported by evidence from a medical or dental professional attesting to the appropriate age of the child or other collateral evidence.
- (6) Two adoptive parents who adopted a minor child together in a foreign country while married to one another may file a petition for adoption to re-adopt the child jointly, regardless of whether their marriage has been dissolved. If either parent whose marriage was dissolved has subsequently remarried or entered into a civil union

with another person, the new spouse or civil union partner shall not join in the petition to re-adopt the child, unless the new spouse or civil union partner is seeking to adopt the child. If either adoptive parent does not join in the petition, he or she must be joined as a party defendant. The defendant parent's failure to participate in the re-adoption proceeding shall not affect the existing parental rights or obligations of the parent as they relate to the minor child, and the parent's name shall be placed on any subsequent birth record issued for the child as a result of the re-adoption proceeding.

- (7) An adoptive parent who adopted a minor child in a foreign country as an unmarried person may file a petition for adoption to re-adopt the child as a sole petitioner, even if the adoptive parent has subsequently married or entered into a civil union.
- (8) If one of the adoptive parents who adopted a minor child dies prior to a re-adoption proceeding, the deceased parent's name shall be placed on any subsequent birth record issued for the child as a result of the re-adoption proceeding.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 99-49, eff. 7-15-15; 100-344, eff. 8-25-17;
- 23 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 24 (750 ILCS 50/10) (from Ch. 40, par. 1512)
- 25 Sec. 10. Forms of consent and surrender; execution and

- 1 acknowledgment thereof.
- 2 A. The form of consent required for the adoption of a born
- 3 child shall be substantially as follows:

4 FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONSENT TO ADOPTION

- 5 I,, (relationship, e.g., mother, father, relative,
- 6 quardian) of, a male or female (circle one) child, state:
- 7 That such child was born on at
- 8 That I reside at, County of and State of
- 9 That I am of the age of years.
- 10 That I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding and
- 11 waive service of summons on me.
- 12 That I hereby acknowledge that I have been provided with a
- 13 copy of the Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private
- 14 Form before signing this Consent and that I have had time to
- read, or have had read to me, this Form. I understand that if I
- do not receive any of the rights as described in this Form, it
- 17 shall not constitute a basis to revoke this Final and
- 18 Irrevocable Consent.
- 19 That I do hereby consent and agree to the adoption of such
- 20 child.
- 21 That I wish to and understand that by signing this consent
- I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody and other
- 23 parental rights I have to such child.
- 24 That I understand such child will be placed for adoption

- and that I cannot under any circumstances, after signing this 1
- document, change my mind and revoke or cancel this consent or 2
- 3 obtain or recover custody or any other rights over such child.
- That I have read and understand the above and I am signing it
- 5 as my free and voluntary act.
- 6 Dated (insert date).
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- 8 If under Section 8 the consent of more than one person is
- required, then each such person shall execute a separate 9
- 10 consent.
- 11 A-1. (1) The form of the Final and Irrevocable Consent to
- Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons: Non-DCFS Case set 12
- 1.3 forth in this subsection A-1 is to be used by legal parents
- 14 only. This form is not to be used in cases in which there is a
- 15 pending petition under Section 2-13 of the Juvenile Court Act
- 16 of 1987.
- (2) The form of the Final and Irrevocable Consent to 17
- 18 Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons in a non-DCFS case
- 19 shall have the caption of the proceeding in which it is to be
- 20 filed and shall be substantially as follows:
- 21 FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONSENT TO ADOPTION BY
- 22 A SPECIFIED PERSON OR PERSONS; NON-DCFS CASE
- 23 I,, (relationship, e.g., mother, father) of, a

- 1 male or female (circle one) child, state:
- 2 1. That such child was born on, at, in the
- 3 City/Town of ... and State of
- 4 2. That I reside at, County of and State of,
- 5 my email address (if I have one) is my cell phone number
- 6 where I can receive text messages (if I have one) is and
- 7 my land line phone number (if I have one) is \ldots , and any
- 8 other contact information is
- 9 3. That I am of the age of years.
- 10 4. That I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding
- and waive service of summons on me.
- 12 5. That I hereby acknowledge that I have been provided a
- 13 copy of the Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private
- 14 Form before signing this Consent and that I have had time to
- 15 read, or have had read to me, this Form and that I understand
- 16 the Rights and Responsibilities described in this Form. I
- 17 understand that if I do not receive any of my rights as
- 18 described in said Form, it shall not constitute a basis to
- 19 revoke this Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption by a
- 20 Specified Person.
- 21 6. That I do hereby consent and agree to the adoption of
- 22 such child by (specified person or persons) only. If only
- 23 first names are used for the specified person or persons, I
- 24 voluntarily sign this specified consent form without
- 25 disclosure to me of the last name of the specified person or
- 26 persons. However, I understand that if I wish to know the last

- 1 name of the specified person or persons, I may request it
- 2 before signing the form. If I do not receive the last name, I
- 3 may choose not to sign the specified consent form.
- 4 7. That I wish to and understand that upon signing this
- 5 consent I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody
- 6 and other parental rights I have to such child if such child is
- 7 adopted by (specified person or persons). I hereby
- 8 transfer all of my rights to the custody, care and control of
- 9 such child to (specified person
- 10 or persons).
- 11 8. That I understand such child will be adopted by
- 12 (specified person or persons) and that
- 13 I cannot under any circumstances, after signing this document,
- 14 change my mind and revoke or cancel this consent or obtain or
- 15 recover custody or any other rights over such child if
- 16 (specified person or persons)
- adopt(s) such child; PROVIDED that each specified person has
- 18 filed or shall file, within 60 days from the date hereof, a
- 19 petition for the adoption of such child.
- 9. That if the specified person or persons designated
- 21 herein do not file a petition for adoption within the
- time-frame specified above, or, if said petition for adoption
- 23 is filed within the time-frame specified above but the
- 24 adoption petition is dismissed with prejudice or the adoption
- 25 proceeding is otherwise concluded without an order declaring
- the child to be the adopted child of the specified person or

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- 10. That I expressly acknowledge that nothing in this Consent impairs the validity and absolute finality of this Consent under any circumstance other than those described in paragraph 9 of this Consent.
- 26 11. That I understand that I have a remaining duty and

25 Personal email(s) of parent.

| 1 | obligation to keep (insert name and address of |
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| 2 | the attorney for the specified person or persons) informed of |
| 3 | my current address or other preferred contact information |
| 4 | until this adoption has been finalized. My failure to do so may |
| 5 | result in the termination of my parental rights and the child |
| 6 | being placed for adoption in another home. |
| 7 | 12. That I do expressly waive any other notice or service |
| 8 | of process in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of |
| 9 | the child as long as the adoption proceeding by the specified |
| 10 | person or persons is pending. |
| 11 | 13. That I have read and understand the above and I am |
| 12 | signing it as my free and voluntary act. |
| 13 | 14. That I acknowledge that this consent is valid even if |
| 14 | the specified person or persons separate or divorce or one of |
| 15 | the specified persons dies prior to the entry of the final |
| 16 | judgment for adoption. |
| 17 | Dated (insert date). |
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| 19 | Signature of parent. |
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| 21 | Address of parent. |
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| 23 | Phone number(s) of parent. |
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1 (3) The form of the certificate of acknowledgement for a 2 Final and Irrevocable Consent for Adoption by a Specified 3 Person or Persons: Non-DCFS Case shall be substantially as 4 follows:

5 STATE OF)

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7 COUNTY OF)

A-2. Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private Form. The Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private Form must be read by, or have been read to, any person executing a Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption under subsection A, a Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption by a

- 1 Specified Person or Persons: Non-DCFS Case under subsection
- 2 A-1, or a Consent to Adoption of Unborn Child under subsection
- 3 B prior to the execution of said Consent. The form of the Birth
- 4 Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private Form shall be
- 5 substantially as follows:
- 6 Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private Form
- 7 THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE LEGAL ADVICE. LEGAL ADVICE IS
- 8 DEPENDENT ON THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH SITUATION AND
- 9 JURISDICTION. THE INFORMATION IN THIS FORM CANNOT REPLACE THE
- 10 ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN YOUR STATE.
- 11 As a birth parent in the State of Illinois, you have the
- 12 right:
- 13 1. To have your own attorney represent you. The
- 14 prospective adoptive parents may agree to pay for the cost of
- 15 your attorney in a manner consistent with Illinois law, but
- they are not required to do so.
- 17 2. To be treated with dignity and respect at all times and
- 18 to make decisions free from coercion and pressure.
- 19 3. To request to receive counseling before and after
- 20 signing a Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption
- 21 ("Consent"), a Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption by a
- 22 Specified Person or Persons: Non-DCFS Case ("Specified
- Consent"), or a Consent to Adoption of Unborn Child ("Unborn
- 24 Consent"). The prospective adoptive parents may agree to pay

- 1 for the cost of counseling in a manner consistent with
- 2 Illinois law, but they are not required to do so.
- 3 4. To ask to be involved in choosing your child's
- 4 prospective adoptive parents and to ask to meet them.
- 5. To ask your child's prospective adoptive parents any
- 6 questions that pertain to your decision to place your child
- 7 with them.
- 8 6. To see your child before signing a Consent or Specified
- 9 Consent if you are the custodial parent, and to request to see
- 10 your child if you are not the custodial parent.
- 7. To request contact with your child and/or the child's
- 12 prospective adoptive parents, with the understanding that any
- 13 promises regarding contact with your child or receipt of
- 14 information about the child after signing a Consent, Specified
- 15 Consent, or Unborn Consent cannot be enforced under Illinois
- 16 law.
- 17 8. To receive copies of all documents that you sign and
- 18 have those documents provided to you in your preferred
- 19 language.
- 9. To request that your identifying information remain
- 21 confidential, unless required otherwise by Illinois law or
- 22 court order, and to voluntarily share your medical,
- 23 background, and identifying information, including information
- 24 on the original birth certificate of your child. This can be
- 25 done through the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical
- 26 Information Exchange or through completing the Birth Parent

- 1 Preference Form. Please visit http://dph.illinois.gov or
- 2 www.newillinoisadoptionlaw.com.
- 3 10. To access the Confidential Intermediary Program which
- 4 provides a way for a court appointed person to connect and/or
- 5 exchange information between adoptees, adoptive parents and
- 6 birth parents, and other biological family members, provided
- 7 in most cases that mutual consent is given. Please visit
- 8 www.ci-illinois.org or call (800) 526-9022(x29).
- 9 11. To work with an adoption agency or attorney of your
- 10 choice, or change said agency or attorney, provided you
- 11 promptly inform all of the parties currently involved.
- 12. To receive, upon request, a written list of any
- promised support, financial or otherwise, from your attorney
- or the attorney for your child's prospective adoptive parents.
- 15 13. To delay signing a Consent, Specified Consent, or
- 16 Unborn Consent if you are not ready to do so.
- 17 14. To decline to sign a Consent, Specified Consent, or
- 18 Unborn Consent even if you have received financial support
- 19 from the prospective adoptive parents.
- 20 If you do not receive any of the rights described in this
- 21 Form, it shall not be a basis to revoke a Consent, Specified
- 22 Consent, or Unborn Consent.
- 23 As a Birth Parent in the State of Illinois, you have the
- 24 responsibility:
- 25 1. To carefully consider your reasons for choosing
- 26 adoption.

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- 2. (Birth mothers only) To accurately complete an
 Affidavit of Identification, which identifies the father of
 the child when known, with the understanding that a birth
 mother has a right to decline to identify the birth father.
- 3. To provide the necessary documentation regarding financial need to make an appropriate determination of reasonable pregnancy-related expenses.
 - 4. To not accept financial support or reimbursement of pregnancy related expenses simultaneously from more than one source or if you are not pregnant, as doing so is a crime.
- 5. To voluntarily provide all known medical, background, and family information about yourself and your immediate family to your child's prospective adoptive parents or their attorney. For the health of your child, you are strongly encouraged, but not required, to do so as set forth on the following form:

Birth Parent Medical Information

The purpose of this form is to gather your health history, genetic history, and social background information to share with the adoptive parents. It is important the adoptive family provide this information to the child's physician. It will become a part of the child's medical and family history. This form, in its entirety, will be given to the adoptive parent(s).

The following information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

| 1 | Birth parent name: |
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| 3 | Signature: |
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| 5 | Date: |
| 6 | YES or NO (circle one) I agree to release my full name on |
| 7 | this form to the adoptive family. If NO is circled then the |
| 8 | birth parent's name shall be redacted on this form. |
| 9 | MOTHER'S PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: |
| 10 | Eyes: Hair: Complexion: Height: |
| 11 | Weight: Body build: Race: |
| 12 | Nationality/Descent: Blood type: Rh factor: |
| 13 | Eye glasses or contact lenses? Yes // No // |
| 14 | Right // Left // handed |
| 15 | Age: or Date of birth: Religion: |
| 16 | Please list your highest education level, occupation |
| 17 | hobbies, interests, and talents: |
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| 19 | Existence of any disabilities? Yes // No // |
| 20 | If yes, explain: |
| 21 | If you have other children, list them below. Include any |
| 22 | children previously placed for adoption. |
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| 24 | Describe your relationship with the birth father: |
| 25 | FATHER'S PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: |
| 26 | Eyes: Hair: Complexion: Height: |

| 1 | Weight: | Вс | ody k | ouild: | Race: | | | | |
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| 2 | Nationality/Descent: Blood type: Rh factor: | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Eye glasses or contact lenses? Yes // No // | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Right // Le | eft // | ' handed | | | | | | |
| 5 | Age: or D | ate of b | irth: . | Religion: | | | | | |
| 6 | Please list your highest education level, occupation, | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | hobbies, inter | rests, ar | nd talen | its: | | | | | |
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| 9 | Existence of a | ny disab | oilities | ? Yes // No /. | / | | | | |
| 10 | If yes, explai | n: | • • • • • • | | | | | | |
| 11 | If you ha | ve other | childr | en, list them be | low. Include any | | | | |
| 12 | children previously placed for adoption. | | | | | | | | |
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| 14 | PREGNANCY HISTORY INVOLVING THIS CHILD | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Month prenatal care began during this pregnancy: | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Complications during pregnancy: Yes No If yes, | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | explain: | | • • • • • • | | | | | | |
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| 19 | MEDICATION AND OTHER SUBSTANCES USED DURING | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | I | PREGNANC | Y OR YE | AR PRIOR TO PREGNA | NCY | | | | |
| 21 | | | | FREQUENCY/ | FREQUENCY/ | | | | |
| 22 | | | | AMOUNT | AMOUNT | | | | |
| 23 | | | | DURING | PRIOR TO | | | | |
| 24 | | YES | NO | PREGNANCY | PREGNANCY | | | | |
| 25 | Alcohol | // | // | | | | | | |
| 26 | Amphetamines | // | // | | | | | | |

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| 1 | Barbiturates | // | // | | | | |
| 2 | Cocaine | // | // | • • • • • | | | |
| 3 | Heroin | // | // | | | | |
| 4 | LSD | // | // | • • • • • | | | |
| 5 | Marijuana | // | // | • • • • • | | | |
| 6 | Caffeine | | | | | | |
| 7 | (Coffee, | | | | | | |
| 8 | tea, etc) | // | // | | | | |
| 9 | Prescription | | | | | | |
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| 15 | In additi | on to t | this form | m, a bi | rth paren | t shall a | ılso be |
| 16 | provided the | forms | for the | Illino | is Adopti | on Regist | ry and |
| 17 | Medical Inform | mation E | Exchange. | | | | |
| 18 | B. The fo | orm of | consent | require | d for the | adoption | of an |
| 19 | unborn child s | shall be | substan | tially a | s follows | : | |
| 20 | | CONSENT | TO ADOP | TION OF | UNBORN CHI | ILD | |
| 21 | I,, s | state: | | | | | |
| 22 | That I am | the fat | ther of a | a child | expected | to be born | n on or |
| 23 | about to | (n | ame of mo | other). | | | |

- 1 That I reside at County of, and State of
- 2 That I am of the age of years.
- 3 That I hereby enter my appearance in such adoption
- 4 proceeding and waive service of summons on me.
- 5 That I hereby acknowledge that I have been provided with a
- 6 copy of the Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private
- 7 Form before signing this Consent, and that I have had time to
- 8 read, or have had read to me, this Form. I understand that if I
- 9 do not receive any of the rights as described in this Form, it
- 10 shall not constitute a basis to revoke this Consent to
- 11 Adoption of Unborn Child.
- 12 That I do hereby consent and agree to the adoption of such
- 13 child, and that I have not previously executed a consent or
- surrender with respect to such child.
- 15 That I wish to and do understand that by signing this
- 16 consent I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody
- and other parental rights I have to such child, except that I
- 18 have the right to revoke this consent by giving written notice
- of my revocation not later than 72 hours after the birth of the
- 20 child.
- 21 That I understand such child will be placed for adoption
- 22 and that, except as hereinabove provided, I cannot under any
- circumstances, after signing this document, change my mind and
- 24 revoke or cancel this consent or obtain or recover custody or
- any other rights over such child.
- That I have read and understand the above and I am signing

- 1 it as my free and voluntary act.
- 2 Dated (insert date).
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B-5. (1) The parent of a child may execute a consent to standby adoption by a specified person or persons. A consent under this subsection B-5 shall be acknowledged by a parent pursuant to subsection H and subsection K of this Section. The form of consent required for the standby adoption of a born child effective at a future date when the consenting parent of the child dies or requests that a final judgment of adoption be entered shall be substantially as follows:

12 FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONSENT

13 TO STANDBY ADOPTION

- I, ..., (relationship, e.g. mother or father) of, a
 male or female (circle one) child, state:
- 16 That the child was born on at
- 17 That I reside at, County of, and State of
- 18 That I am of the age of years.
- That I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding and waive service of summons on me in this action only.
- 21 That I do hereby consent and agree to the standby adoption
- of the child, and that I have not previously executed a consent
- or surrender with respect to the child.

That I wish to and understand that by signing this consent I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody and other parental rights I have to the child, effective upon (my death) (the child's other parent's death) or upon (my) (the other parent's) request for the entry of a final judgment for adoption if (specified person or persons) adopt my child.

That I understand that until (I die) (the child's other parent dies), I retain all legal rights and obligations concerning the child, but at that time, I irrevocably give all custody and other parental rights to (specified person or persons).

I understand my child will be adopted by (specified person or persons) only and that I cannot, under any circumstances, after signing this document, change my mind and revoke or cancel this consent or obtain or recover custody or any other rights over my child if (specified person or persons) adopt my child.

I understand that this consent to standby adoption is valid only if the petition for standby adoption is filed and that if (specified person or persons), for any reason, cannot or will not file a petition for standby adoption or if his, her, or their petition for standby adoption is denied, then this consent is void. I have the right to notice of any other proceeding that could affect my parental rights.

That I have read and understand the above and I am signing

- 1 it as my free and voluntary act.
- 2 Dated (insert date).
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- If under Section 8 the consent of more than one person is required, then each such person shall execute a separate consent. A separate consent shall be executed for each child.
 - (2) If the parent consents to a standby adoption by 2 specified persons, then the form shall contain 2 additional paragraphs in substantially the following form:
- 10 If (specified persons) obtain a judgment of 11 dissolution of marriage before the judgment for adoption is 12 entered, then (specified person) shall adopt my child. I understand that I cannot change my mind and revoke this 1.3 14 consent or obtain or recover custody of my child if (specified persons) obtain a judgment of dissolution of 15 16 marriage and (specified person) adopts my child. I understand that I cannot change my mind and revoke this 17 18 consent if (specified persons) obtain a judgment of dissolution of marriage before the adoption is final. I 19 20 understand that this consent to adoption has no effect on who 21 will get custody of my child if (specified persons) 22 obtain a judgment of dissolution of marriage after the adoption is final. I understand that if either 23 24 (specified persons) dies before the petition to adopt my child 25 is granted, then the surviving person may adopt my child. I

- 1 understand that I cannot change my mind and revoke this
- 2 consent or obtain or recover custody of my child if the
- 3 surviving person adopts my child.
- 4 A consent to standby adoption by specified persons on this
- 5 form shall have no effect on a court's determination of
- 6 custody or visitation under the Illinois Marriage and
- 7 Dissolution of Marriage Act if the marriage of the specified
- 8 persons is dissolved before the adoption is final.
- 9 (3) The form of the certificate of acknowledgement for a
- 10 Final and Irrevocable Consent for Standby Adoption shall be
- 11 substantially as follows:
- 12 STATE OF)
- 13) SS.
- 14 COUNTY OF)
- 15 I, (name of Judge or other person) (official
- 16 title, name, and address), certify that, personally
- 17 known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to
- 18 the foregoing Final and Irrevocable Consent to Standby
- 19 Adoption, appeared before me this day in person and
- 20 acknowledged that (she) (he) signed and delivered the consent
- 21 as (her) (his) free and voluntary act, for the specified
- 22 purpose.
- I have fully explained that this consent to adoption is
- valid only if the petition to adopt is filed, and that if the

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- specified person or persons, for any reason, cannot or will not adopt the child or if the adoption petition is denied, then this consent will be void. I have fully explained that if the specified person or persons adopt the child, by signing this consent (she) (he) is irrevocably and permanently relinquishing all parental rights to the child, and (she) (he) has stated that such is (her) (his) intention and desire.
- 8 Dated (insert date).
- 9 Signature
- 10 (4) If a consent to standby adoption is executed in this
 11 form, the consent shall be valid only if the specified person
 12 or persons adopt the child. The consent shall be void if:
- 13 (a) the specified person or persons do not file a 14 petition for standby adoption of the child; or
- 15 (b) a court denies the standby adoption petition.
 - The parent shall not need to take further action to revoke the consent if the standby adoption by the specified person or persons does not occur, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of this Act.
- 20 C. The form of surrender to any agency given by a parent of 21 a born child who is to be subsequently placed for adoption 22 shall be substantially as follows and shall contain such other 23 facts and statements as the particular agency shall require.

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FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTION

2 I, (relationship, e.g., mother, father, relative, 3 quardian) of, a male or female (circle one) child, state: 4 That such child was born on, at That I reside at, County of, and State of 5 6 That I am of the age of years. 7 That I do hereby surrender and entrust the entire custody and control of such child to the (the "Agency"), a 8 9 (public) (licensed) child welfare agency with its principal 10 office in the City of, County of and State of, 11 for the purpose of enabling it to care for and supervise the 12 care of such child, to place such child for adoption and to consent to the legal adoption of such child. 1.3 14 That I hereby grant to the Agency full power and authority 15 to place such child with any person or persons it may in its 16 sole discretion select to become the adopting parent or parents and to consent to the legal adoption of such child by 17 18 such person or persons; and to take any and all measures which, in the judgment of the Agency, may be for the best interests of 19 such child, including authorizing medical, surgical and dental 20 21 care and treatment including inoculation and anaesthesia for 22 such child. That I wish to and understand that by signing this 23 24 surrender I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody

and other parental rights I have to such child.

- 1 That I understand I cannot under any circumstances, after
- 2 signing this surrender, change my mind and revoke or cancel
- 3 this surrender or obtain or recover custody or any other
- 4 rights over such child.
- 5 That I have read and understand the above and I am signing
- 6 it as my free and voluntary act.
- 7 Dated (insert date).
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- 9 C-5. The form of a Final and Irrevocable Designated
- 10 Surrender for Purposes of Adoption to any agency given by a
- 11 parent of a born child who is to be subsequently placed for
- adoption is to be used by legal parents only. The form shall be
- 13 substantially as follows and shall contain such other facts
- and statements as the particular agency shall require:
- 15 FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE DESIGNATED SURRENDER
- 16 FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTION
- I, (relationship, e.g., mother, father, relative,
- 18 guardian) of, a male or female (circle one) child, state:
- 19 1. That such child was born on, at
- 20 2. That I reside at, County of, and State of
- 21, my email address (if I have one) is my cell phone
- 22 number where I can receive text messages (if I have one) is
- 23 and my land line phone number (if I have one) is, and

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- 1 any other contact information is
- 2 3. That I am of the age of years.
- 3 4. That I do hereby surrender and entrust the entire custody and control of such child to the (the "Agency"), a 5 (public) (licensed) child welfare agency with its principal office in the City of, County of and State of, 6 7 for the purpose of enabling it to care for and supervise the care of such child, to place such child for adoption with 8 9 (specified person or persons) 10 and to consent to the legal adoption of such child and to take 11 any and all measures which, in the judgment of the Agency, may 12 be for the best interests of such child, including authorizing medical, surgical and dental care and treatment including 13 inoculation and anesthesia for such child. If only first names 14 15 are used for the specified person or persons, I voluntarily 16 sign this designated surrender without disclosure to me of the 17 last name of the specified person or persons. However, I understand that if I wish to know the last name of the 18 19 specified person or persons, I may request it before signing 20 the form. If I do not receive the last name, I may choose not 21 to sign the designated surrender form.
 - 5. That I wish to and understand that by signing this surrender I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody and other parental rights I have to such child.
 - 6. That if the petition for adoption is not filed by the specified person or persons designated herein or, if the

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petition for adoption is filed but the adoption petition is dismissed with prejudice or the adoption proceeding is otherwise concluded without an order declaring the child to be the adopted child of each specified person, then I understand that the Agency will send notice to me at the mailing address, at the email address, through a text message to my cell phone number provided in paragraph 2, and to any other contact information I have provided in paragraph 2 within 5 business days of this occurrence. The person sending the notice shall prepare an affidavit of notice. I understand that I will have 15 business days from the date that the written notice was sent to respond, within which time I may choose to designate other adoptive parent(s). However, I acknowledge that the Agency has full power and authority to place the child for adoption with any person or persons it may in its sole discretion select to become the adopting parent or parents and to consent to the legal adoption of the child by such person or persons.

- 7. That I acknowledge that this surrender is valid even if the specified persons separate or divorce or one of the specified persons dies prior to the entry of the final judgment for adoption.
- 8. That I expressly acknowledge that the above paragraphs
 6 and 7 do not impair the validity and absolute finality of
 this surrender under any circumstance.
- 9. That I understand that I have a remaining obligation to keep the Agency informed of my current contact information

- until the adoption of the child has been finalized if I wish to 1
- 2 be notified in the event the adoption by the specified
- 3 person(s) cannot proceed.
- 10. That I understand I cannot under any circumstances,
- 5 after signing this surrender, change my mind and revoke or
- cancel this surrender or obtain or recover custody or any 6
- 7 other rights over such child.
- 8 11. That I have read and understand the above and I am
- 9 signing it as my free and voluntary act.
- 10 Dated (insert date).
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- 12 D. The form of surrender to an agency given by a parent of
- 13 an unborn child who is to be subsequently placed for adoption
- 14 shall be substantially as follows and shall contain such other
- 15 facts and statements as the particular agency shall require.
- 16 SURRENDER OF UNBORN CHILD FOR
- 17 PURPOSES OF ADOPTION
- 18 I, (father), state:
- 19 That I am the father of a child expected to be born on or
- 20 about to (name of mother).
- 21 That I reside at, County of, and State of
- 22 That I am of the age of years.
- 23 That I do hereby surrender and entrust the entire custody

and control of such child to the (the "Agency"), a (public) (licensed) child welfare agency with its principal office in the City of, County of and State of, for the purpose of enabling it to care for and supervise the care of such child, to place such child for adoption and to consent to the legal adoption of such child, and that I have not previously executed a consent or surrender with respect to such child.

That I hereby grant to the Agency full power and authority to place such child with any person or persons it may in its sole discretion select to become the adopting parent or parents and to consent to the legal adoption of such child by such person or persons; and to take any and all measures which, in the judgment of the Agency, may be for the best interests of such child, including authorizing medical, surgical and dental care and treatment, including inoculation and anaesthesia for such child.

That I wish to and understand that by signing this surrender I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody and other parental rights I have to such child.

That I understand I cannot under any circumstances, after signing this surrender, change my mind and revoke or cancel this surrender or obtain or recover custody or any other rights over such child, except that I have the right to revoke this surrender by giving written notice of my revocation not later than 72 hours after the birth of such child.

That I reside at, County of and State of

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I,, state:

- 1 That I am of the age of \dots years. That I hereby enter my
- 2 appearance in this proceeding and waive service of summons on
- 3 me. That I consent and agree to my adoption by and
- 4 Dated (insert date).

- G. The form of consent given by an agency to the adoption by specified persons of a child previously surrendered to it shall set forth that the agency has the authority to execute such consent. The form of consent given by a guardian of the person of a child sought to be adopted, appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall set forth the facts of such appointment and the authority of the guardian to execute such consent.
 - H. A consent (other than that given by an agency, or guardian of the person of the child sought to be adopted who was appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction) shall be acknowledged by a parent before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction or, except as otherwise provided in this Act, before a representative of an agency, or before a person, other than the attorney for the prospective adoptive parent or parents, designated by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - I. A surrender, or any other document equivalent to a surrender, by which a child is surrendered to an agency shall be acknowledged by the person signing such surrender, or other document, before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction,

- 1 or, except as otherwise provided in this Act, before a
- 2 representative of an agency, or before a person designated by
- 3 a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 4 J. The form of the certificate of acknowledgment for a
- 5 consent, a surrender, or any other document equivalent to a
- 6 surrender, shall be substantially as follows:
- 7 STATE OF)
- 8) SS.
- 9 COUNTY OF ...)
- 10 I, (Name of judge or other person), (official
- 11 title, name and location of court or status or position of
- other person), certify that, personally known to me to be
- 13 the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
- 14 (consent) (surrender), appeared before me this day in person
- and acknowledged that (she) (he) signed and delivered such
- 16 (consent) (surrender) as (her) (his) free and voluntary act,
- for the specified purpose.
- I have fully explained that by signing such (consent)
- 19 (surrender) (she) (he) is irrevocably relinquishing all
- 20 parental rights to such child or adult and (she) (he) has
- 21 stated that such is (her) (his) intention and desire. (Add if
- 22 Consent only) I am further satisfied that, before signing this
- 23 Consent, has read, or has had read to him or her, the
- 24 Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities-Private Form.
- 25 Dated (insert date).

1 Signature

K. When the execution of a consent or a surrender is acknowledged before someone other than a judge, such other person shall have his or her signature on the certificate acknowledged before a notary public, in form substantially as follows:

- 7 STATE OF)
- 8) SS.
- 9 COUNTY OF ...)
- I, a Notary Public, in and for the County of, in the

 State of, certify that, personally known to me to

 be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing

 certificate of acknowledgment, appeared before me in person

 and acknowledged that (she) (he) signed such certificate as

 (her) (his) free and voluntary act and that the statements

 made in the certificate are true.
- 17 Dated (insert date).
- 18 Signature Notary Public (official seal)
- 20 There shall be attached a certificate of magistracy, or 21 other comparable proof of office of the notary public 22 satisfactory to the court, to a consent signed and 23 acknowledged in another state.

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- L. A surrender or consent executed and acknowledged 1 2 outside of this State, either in accordance with the law of 3 this State or in accordance with the law of the place where executed, is valid. 4
 - M. Where a consent or a surrender is signed in a foreign country, the execution of such consent shall be acknowledged or affirmed in a manner conformable to the law and procedure of such country.
 - N. If the person signing a consent or surrender is in the military service of the United States, the execution of such consent or surrender may be acknowledged before a commissioned officer and the signature of such officer on such certificate shall be verified or acknowledged before a notary public or by such other procedure as is then in effect for such division or branch of the armed forces.
 - O. (1) The parent or parents of a child in whose interests a petition under Section 2-13 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is pending may, with the approval of the designated representative of the Department of Children and Family Services ("Department" or "DCFS"), execute a consent to adoption by a specified person or persons:
 - (a) in whose physical custody the child has resided for at least 6 months; or
 - (b) in whose physical custody at least one sibling of the child who is the subject of this consent has resided for at least 6 months, and the child who is the subject of

| 1 | this consent is currently residing in this foster home; or |
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| 2 | (c) in whose physical custody a child under one year |
| 3 | of age has resided for at least 3 months. |
| 4 | The court may waive the time frames in subdivisions (a), |
| 5 | (b), and (c) for good cause shown if the court finds it to be |
| 6 | in the child's best interests. |
| 7 | A consent under this subsection O shall be acknowledged by |
| 8 | a parent pursuant to subsection H and subsection K of this |
| 9 | Section. |
| 10 | (2) The final and irrevocable consent to adoption by a |
| 11 | specified person or persons in a Department of Children and |
| 12 | Family Services (DCFS) case shall be substantially as follows: |
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| 13 | FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE CONSENT TO ADOPTION BY |
| 14 | A SPECIFIED PERSON OR PERSONS: DCFS CASE |
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| 15 | I,, the |
| 16 | mother or father (circle one) of a male or |
| 17 | female (circle one) child, state: |
| 18 | 1. My child (name of |
| 19 | child) was born on (insert date) at |
| 20 | Hospital in the City/Town of |
| 21 | , in County, State of |
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| 23 | 2. I reside at County of |

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| 1 | Mail | may | also | be | sent | to | me | at | this | address |
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| 4 | My h | ome te | lephone | e num | ber is | | | | | |
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| 7 | 3. I | | | | | | , | am | yea | rs old. |

- 4. I enter my appearance in this action for my child to be adopted by the person or persons specified herein by me and waive service of summons on me in this action only.
- 5. I hereby acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of the Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities in Illinois for Final and Irrevocable Consents to Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons for DCFS Cases before signing this Consent and that I have had time to read this form or have it read to me and that I understand the rights and responsibilities described in this form. I understand that if I do not receive any of my rights as described in the form, it shall not constitute a basis to revoke this Final and Irrevocable Consent to Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons.
- 6. I do hereby consent and agree to the adoption of such child by (names of current foster parent(s) or caregiver(s), hereinafter referred to as the "specified person or persons") only.
 - 7. I wish to sign this consent and I understand that by

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signing this consent I irrevocably and permanently give up all my parental rights I have to my child.

- 8. I understand that this consent allows my child to be adopted by the specified person or persons only and that I cannot under any circumstances after signing this document change my mind and revoke or cancel this consent.
 - 9. I understand that this consent will be void if:
 - (a) the Department places my child with someone other than the specified person or persons; or
 - (b) a court denies the adoption petition for the specified person or persons to adopt my child; or
 - (c) the DCFS Guardianship Administrator refuses to consent to my child's adoption by the specified person or persons on the basis that the adoption is not in my child's best interests.

I understand that if this consent is void I have parental rights to my child, subject to any applicable court orders including those entered under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, unless and until I sign a new consent or surrender or my parental rights are involuntarily terminated. I understand that if this consent is void, my child may be adopted by someone other than the specified person or persons only if I sign a new or surrender, or mу parental rights involuntarily terminated. I understand that if this consent is void, the Department will notify me within 30

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days using the addresses and telephone numbers I provided in paragraph 2 of this form. I understand that if I receive such a notice, it is very important that I contact the Department immediately, and preferably within 30 days, to have input into the plan for my child's future.

10. I understand that if a petition for adoption of my child is filed by someone other than the specified person or persons, the Department will notify me within 14 days after the Department becomes aware of the petition. The fact that someone other than the specified person or persons files a petition to adopt my child does not make this consent void.

11. If a person other than the specified person or persons files a petition to adopt my child or if the consent is void under paragraph 9, the Department will send written notice to me using the mailing address and email address provided by me in paragraph 2 of this form. The Department will also contact me using the telephone numbers I provided in paragraph 2 of this form. It is very important that I let the Department know if any of my contact information changes. If I do not let the Department know if any of my contact information changes, I understand that I may not receive notification from the Department if this consent is void or if someone other than the specified person or persons files a petition to adopt my child. If any of my contact information changes,

| 1 | I should immediately notify: |
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| 2 | Caseworker's name and telephone number: |
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| 4 | Agency name, address, zip code, and telephone number: |
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| 6 | Supervisor's name and telephone number: |
| 7 | ; |
| 8 | DCFS Advocacy Office for Children and Families: |
| 9 | 800-232-3798. |
| 10 | 12. I expressly acknowledge that paragraph 9 (and |
| 11 | paragraphs 8a and 8b, if applicable) do not impair the |
| 12 | validity and finality of this consent under any |
| 13 | circumstances. |
| 14 | 13. I have read and understand the above and I am |
| 15 | signing it as my free and voluntary act. |
| 16 | Dated (insert date). |
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| 18 | Signature of parent |
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| 19 | (3) If the parent consents to an adoption by 2 specified |
| 20 | persons, then the form shall contain 2 additional paragraphs |
| 21 | in substantially the following form: |
| 22 | 8a. I understand that I cannot change my mind or |
| 23 | revoke this consent or recover custody of my child on the |
| 24 | basis that the specified persons divorce or are granted a |
| 25 | dissolution of a civil union or that one of the specified |

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8b. I understand that if the specified persons get a divorce or are granted a dissolution of a civil union before the petition to adopt my child is granted, this consent remains valid only for (name only one specified person) to adopt my child.

8c. I understand that if either of the specified persons dies before the petition to adopt my child is granted, this consent remains valid for the surviving person to adopt my child.

(4) The form of the certificate of acknowledgement for a Final and Irrevocable Consent for Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons: DCFS Case shall be substantially as follows:

15 STATE OF

16) SS.

17 COUNTY OF

- 1 as (her)(his) free and voluntary act, for the specified
- 2 purpose.

- I have fully explained that by signing this consent this
- 4 parent is irrevocably and permanently relinquishing all
- 5 parental rights to the child so that the child may be adopted
- 6 by a specified person or persons, and this parent has stated
- 7 that such is (her)(his) intention and desire. I have fully
- 8 explained that this consent is void only if:
- 9 (a) the placement is disrupted and the child is moved
- 10 to a different placement; or
 - (b) a court denies the petition for adoption; or
- 12 (c) the Department of Children and Family Services
- Guardianship Administrator refuses to consent to the
- 14 child's adoption by a specified person or persons on the
- 15 basis that the adoption is not in the child's best
- interests.
- 17 Dated (insert date).
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- 19 Signature
- 20 (5) If a consent to adoption by a specified person or
- 21 persons is executed in this form, the following provisions
- 22 shall apply. The consent shall be valid only for the specified
- 23 person or persons to adopt the child. The consent shall be void
- 24 if:
- 25 (a) the placement disrupts and the child is moved to

1 another placement; or

- (b) a court denies the petition for adoption; or
- (c) the Department of Children and Family Services
 Guardianship Administrator refuses to consent to the
 child's adoption by the specified person or persons on the
 basis that the adoption is not in the child's best
 interests.

If the consent is void under this Section, the parent shall not need to take further action to revoke the consent. No proceeding for termination of parental rights shall be brought unless the parent who executed the consent to adoption by a specified person or persons has been notified of the proceedings pursuant to Section 7 of this Act or subsection (4) of Section 2-13 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

- (6) The Department of Children and Family Services is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement this subsection O.
 - (7) (Blank).
- (8) The Department of Children and Family Services shall promulgate a rule and procedures regarding Consents to Adoption by a Specified Person or Persons in DCFS cases. The rule and procedures shall provide for the development of the Birth Parent Rights and Responsibilities Form for DCFS Cases.
- (9) A consent to adoption by specified persons on this consent form shall have no effect on a court's determination of custody or visitation under the Illinois Marriage and

- 1 Dissolution of Marriage Act or the Illinois Religious Freedom
- 2 Protection and Civil Union Act if the marriage or civil union
- 3 of the specified persons is dissolved after the adoption is
- 4 final.
- 5 P. If the person signing a consent is incarcerated or
- 6 detained in a correctional facility, prison, jail, detention
- 7 center, or other comparable institution, either in this State
- 8 or any other jurisdiction, the execution of such consent may
- 9 be acknowledged before social service personnel of such
- 10 institution, or before a person designated by a court of
- 11 competent jurisdiction.
- 12 Q. A consent may be acknowledged telephonically, via
- 13 audiovisual connection, or other electronic means, provided
- 14 that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order
- approving the execution of the consent in such manner and has
- designated an individual to be physically present with the
- 17 parent executing such consent in order to verify the identity
- 18 of the parent.
- 19 R. An agency whose representative is acknowledging a
- 20 consent pursuant to this Section shall be a public child
- 21 welfare agency, or a child welfare agency, or a child placing
- 22 agency that is authorized or licensed in the State or
- jurisdiction in which the consent is signed.
- 24 S. The form of waiver by a putative or legal father of a
- born or unborn child shall be substantially as follows:

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2 WAIVER OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF PUTATIVE OR LEGAL FATHER 3 I,, state under oath or affirm as 4 follows: 5 1. That the biological mother has 6 named me as a possible biological or legal father of her 7 minor child who was born, or is expected to be born on, in the City/Town of...., State 8 9 of 10 2. That I understand that the biological mother 11 intends to or has placed the child for 12 adoption. 1.3 3. That I reside at, in the City/Town 14 of....., State of 15 4. That I am years of age and my date 16 of birth is, 5. That I (select one): 17 18 am married to the biological mother. 19 am not married to the biological mother and 20 have not been married to the biological mother within 21 300 days before the child's birth or expected date of 22 child's birth. 23 am not currently married to the biological 24 mother, but was married to the biological mother,

within 300 days before the child's birth or expected

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| date of child's birth |
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- 6. That I (select one):
- 3 neither admit nor deny that I am the biological father of the child.
- 5 deny that I am the biological father of the child.
 - 7. That I hereby agree to the termination of my parental rights, if any, without further notice to me of any proceeding for the adoption of the minor child, even if I have taken any action to establish parental rights or take any such action in the future including registering with any putative father registry.
 - 8. That I understand that by signing this Waiver I do irrevocably and permanently give up all custody and other parental rights I may have to such child.
 - 9. That I understand that this Waiver is FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE and that I am permanently barred from contesting any proceeding for the adoption of the child after I sign this Waiver.
 - 10. That I waive any further service of summons or other pleadings in any proceeding to terminate parental rights, if any to this child, or any proceeding for adoption of this child.
 - 11. That I understand that if a final judgment or order of adoption for this child is not entered, then any parental rights or responsibilities that I may have remain

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