

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY – REVIEW OF PARENTAGE AND ADOPTION POLICY.**

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall study, with the assistance of the department of health and human services and the North Dakota commission on uniform state laws, the parentage and adoption practices currently in statute. The study must include the following information:
  - a. Current policies on determining and notifying a biological parent of parentage or a hearing on a petition for adoption;
  - b. The current practices of collection and storage of personal information of registered parents;
  - c. Best practices for protecting the privacy of individuals involved in the adoption process, including those regarding the adequate storage of personal data, methods of notifying a parent of parentage or of a hearing on a petition for adoption, and collecting and keeping correct contact and personal information from involved individuals;
  - d. The feasibility and desirability of adopting certain language from the 2017 changes Uniform Parentage Act, particularly those relating to more modern practices with the handling of personal data and the means of notification;
  - e. Any information relevant to the adoption process and its modernization that the department of health and human services may deem important;
  - f. The financial costs associated with the establishment and maintenance of a parentage registry within the state; and
  - g. Any barriers to establishment or maintenance of a parentage registry.
2. The legislative management may seek the assistance of the North Dakota commission on uniform state laws in the development of recommended policies and procedures.

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3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.