

5-3A-36.

(C) ADOPTION OF AN ADULT HAS THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS ADOPTION OF A MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: FL § 5-3A-34(a), (b), and (c) is renumbered as FL § 5-3A-35(a), (b), and (d), to reflect addition of proposed FL § 5-3A-34 and of new subsection (c) of this section, which is derived without substantive change from former FL § 5-308(c).

As to "adult" and "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

5-3A-43. ACCESS FOR ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(A) ALLOWED.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD OF AN ADOPTED MINOR MAY NOT BE DENIED TO A PARENT OF THE MINOR BECAUSE THE PARENT IS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(B) LIMIT ON IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE RECORD THAT HAS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AS TO A FORMER PARENT OF THE MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-329.1.

In subsection (b) of this section, the word "natural", which formerly modified the reference to the former parent, is deleted to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological i.e., adoptive parent can be terminated in the same manner as a biological parent's can.

As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Identifying information" § 5-3A-01

"Include" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-3A-01

5-3B-15.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ADOPTION BY A SPOUSE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE'S PARENT OR A RELATIVE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE.

(B) ISSUANCE OF ORDER.

A COURT SHALL ISSUE A SHOW CAUSE ORDER THAT INCLUDES ADVICE AS TO THE PARENTS RIGHTS TO:

(1) HAVE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL; AND

(2) RECEIVE ADOPTION COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE.