

5-4B-02.

(a) (1) An adopted individual at least 21 years old may apply to the Director to receive search, contact, and reunion services.

(2) If an adopted individual is at least 21 years old, [a biological parent of the adopted individual] THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS may apply to the Director to receive search, contact, and reunion services:

(I) A BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF THE ADOPTED INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) A SIBLING OF THE ADOPTED INDIVIDUAL, ~~IF THE SIBLING IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.~~

5-4B-05.

(a) An individual who applies for search, contact, and reunion services shall execute a written agreement with a confidential intermediary concerning the provision of search, contact, and reunion services.

(b) (1) The confidential intermediary may charge the individual a reasonable fee for search, contact, and reunion services.

(2) The overall amount of fees collected may not exceed the costs of providing the services.

(c) The confidential intermediary shall promptly:

(1) file the executed agreement with the Director; and

(2) attempt to contact [either] the adopted individual [or], the biological parent, OR THE SIBLING sought by the applicant.

5-4B-12.

The Director shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subtitle, including regulations concerning:

(1) the application process for search, contact, and reunion services;

(2) qualifications for a confidential intermediary;

(3) the agreement for search, contact, and reunion services executed by a confidential intermediary and an adopted individual [or], biological parent, OR SIBLING; and

(4) the delivery and scope of search, contact, and reunion services.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Enacted January 11, 2005.