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Overview

This bill permits genetic siblings whose parents' parental rights were terminated to obtain information about one another if both give consent to the sharing of the information.

Section

1 **Genetic siblings.** Amends § 259.83, by adding subdivision 1b. (a) Provides that a person who is at least age 19, who was committed to the guardianship of the commissioner due to a termination of parental rights, can request information about other siblings who were committed to the guardianship of the commissioner.

(b) Instructs the county or placing agency to provide assistance obtaining information from the Department of Human Services for individuals who they placed for adoption or who were committed to the commissioner but not adopted. Requires agencies to share information if more than one agency worked with the children whose parents' parental rights were terminated. Requires mutual consent of the siblings before information can be shared, and permits a reasonable fee to be charged.