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3 By Senator Bussman
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit the biological
9 parent of an adopted child from contacting, or
10 attempting to contact, the child without written
11 consent from the adoptive parent, unless the
12 contact is otherwise permitted by law.

13 This bill would authorize an adoptive parent
14 to obtain a restraining order if a biological
15 parent contacts, or attempts to contact, an adopted
16 child without the written consent of the adoptive
17 parent.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to adoption; to prohibit the biological
24 parent of an adopted child from contacting or attempting to
25 contact the child without written consent of the adoptive
26 parent; and to authorize an adoptive parent to obtain a
27 restraining order for violations.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
3 term "adopted child" means an individual under the age of 19
4 years who has been adopted under the laws of this state or
5 another jurisdiction.

6 (b) Unless otherwise permitted by law, a biological
7 parent may not contact, or attempt to contact, by any means,
8 an adopted child unless the adoptive parent has consented to
9 the contact in writing.

10 (c) Upon a violation of subsection (b) by a
11 biological parent, the adoptive parent may seek a restraining
12 order pursuant to the laws of this state to prohibit the
13 biological parent from contacting, or attempting to contact,
14 the adopted child.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.