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on page 4 when you get down to line 19, it indicates the agency, and I assume that is the adoption agency, may assist the adopted person as provided in Sections 15 through 18. I gather from that, am I correct, that....

SENATOR NEWELL: Is that the white copy?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Would you do that one more time. I am kind of....

SENATOR WARNER: On page 4, lines 19 through 21, it is a subsection (c), I take it the adoption agency may assist the individual that was adopted in searching under the conditions in Section 15 through 18, which if I read correct, the adoption agency could acquire the names of the parents, either or both, but would not be required to give them to the individual who had been adopted, is that right?

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct.

SENATOR WARNER: My question was, why would the adopting...the agency that was involved in the adoption even have access to those names from the courts if they are not allowed to further distribute them, if I understand this correctly?

SENATOR NEWELL: They keep records of the adoptions that they make, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, but I gather from this that they can acquire from the courts names that they otherwise don't have, do not have.

SENATOR NEWELL: Names or additional information. Now, you see, you can also go to an agency, say that the adoption took place but it was not routed through an agency originally, say it was a private adoption, and so then you need to go through an agency again to do the search and they be the intermediary and then they have to open up the records....for the State Welfare...

SENATOR WARNER: Let me ask it another way. Will the provisions of this act pertain to adoptions that have taken place prior to the effective date, back to whenever?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, they will.