



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5268

House of Representatives, March 11, 2026

The Committee on Children reported through REP. PARIS of the 145th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RELEASE INFORMATION RELATING TO AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-486 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 The Department of Public Health may release information relating to
4 an acknowledgment of parentage to (1) a signatory of the
5 acknowledgment, (2) the child if such child is eighteen years of age or
6 older, (3) a guardian of the person whose parentage is acknowledged,
7 (4) an attorney representing a person to whom such information may be
8 released, (5) a court, (6) a federal agency, (7) an authorized
9 representative of the Department of Social Services, (8) an authorized
10 representative of the Department of Children and Families, (9) the child
11 support agency of this state, (10) any agency acting under a cooperative
12 or purchase of service agreement with the child support agency of this
13 state, and (11) the child support agency of another state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	46b-486
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KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes a procedural change relating to an acknowledgment of parentage, resulting in no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5268*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO RELEASE INFORMATION RELATING TO AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill adds an authorized Department of Children and Families representative to the existing list of people and entities that the Department of Public Health (DPH) may give information to about an acknowledgment of parentage.

By law, DPH may also release information on an acknowledgment of parentage to an acknowledgment signatory, the child if he or she is at least age 18, a guardian of the person whose parentage is acknowledged, an attorney representing a person to whom the information may be given, a court, a federal agency, an authorized Department of Social Services representative, the state child support agency, any agency acting under a cooperative or purchase of service agreement with Connecticut's child support agency, and another state's child support agency. By law, DPH keeps a parentage registry of completed acknowledgement of parentage forms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/03/2026)