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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, prior to the issuance of
9 a Certificate of Foreign Birth to a child born in
10 another country and adopted by parents who are
11 United States citizens, the Alabama State Registrar
12 is required to receive a report of adoption from a
13 court of competent jurisdiction in this state
14 including evidence from sources determined to be
15 reliable by the court as to the date and place of
16 birth of the person.

17 This bill would provide for the State
18 Registrar to issue a "Certificate of Foreign Birth"
19 without a report from a court if the child has
20 automatically acquired United States citizenship
21 following a foreign adoption and possesses a
22 certificate of citizenship.

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24 A BILL
25 TO BE ENTITLED
26 AN ACT
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1 To add Section 22-9A-11.1 to the Code of Alabama
2 1975, to provide for the State Registrar to issue a
3 Certificate of Foreign Birth without judicial proceedings if
4 certain criteria are satisfied.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
7 as Karina's Law.

8 Section 2. Section 22-9A-11.1 is added to the Code
9 of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

10 §22-9A-11.1.

11 (a) A child who has automatically acquired United
12 States citizenship following a foreign adoption and who
13 possesses a certificate of citizenship in accordance with the
14 Child Citizenship Act, CAA, P.L. 106-395, shall be exempt from
15 the provisions of Section 22-9A-11, which require a judicial
16 report to acquire a Certificate of Foreign Birth.

17 (b) The State Registrar, upon written request, shall
18 prepare a Certificate of Foreign Birth for a child who was
19 born in a foreign country, adopted by a United States citizen,
20 and who has automatically acquired citizenship in accordance
21 with the Child Citizenship Act upon the production of all of
22 the following documents:

23 (1) A certificate of citizenship.

24 (2) A foreign birth certificate.

25 (3) The original documents related to the foreign
26 adoption certified by the United States Embassy abroad.

27 (4) The Social Security card of the child.

1 (c) The State Registrar shall develop any necessary
2 forms for adoptive parents to submit in order to request a
3 Certificate of Foreign Birth.

4 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
5 with this act are repealed.

6 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.