

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5013-01
Bill No.: SB 1132
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law; Vital Statistics; Health Department
Type: Original
Date: February 25, 2008

Bill Summary: This proposal allows adopted persons eighteen and over to obtain copies of their original birth certificate under certain circumstances.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue	\$11,308	\$13,904	\$14,320
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$11,308	\$13,904	\$14,320

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Children's Trust Fund	\$15,750	\$19,375	\$19,955
Endowed Cemetery Fund	\$3,150	\$3,875	\$3,991
Missouri Public Health Services Fund	\$15,750	\$19,375	\$19,955
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$34,650	\$42,625	\$43,901

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on the Children's Division as the birth certificates are filed with the state registrar.

Official from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** state that currently, the Bureau of Vital Records responds to approximately 10-15 inquiries and requests daily regarding access to sealed adoption records. Inquiries and requests for certified copies of original birth certificates are expected to double from the current amount, with an increase of approximately 3,780 requests annually (15 X average of 21 working days per month X 12 months in a year = 3,780 requests). There is currently one Senior Office Support Assistant - Keyboarding (SOSA) working on adoptions, an additional SOSA would be needed to handle the additional requests. The additional SOSA position would assist internal and external customers through written correspondence, in person, and over the telephone regarding adoptions, vital events and related matters. The SOSA would perform moderate to difficult clerical and technical functions involving heavy public contact. Duties include processing documents related to births, including adoption decrees (domestic and foreign), legitimating affidavits, amending or creating new certificates as instructed by affidavit or court order, court or administrative orders, delayed applications, manual and computer searches, update system mainframe and issuing certified copies as requested.

The legislation would also require the Bureau of Vital Records to develop a contact preference form and a medical history form to provide to birth parent(s), upon request. The sealed records are stored at the State Archives. DHSS currently does not have staff dedicated to drive to the State Archives to retrieve and return the sealed records. A one-half Office Support Assistant - Keyboarding (OSA) is requested to perform these duties. DHSS estimates three trips per week, utilizing an existing state vehicle, to the State Archives. The OSA will research the location of the estimated 75 records per week or approximately 25 per trip, locate and pull the appropriate sealed records at archives and return the previous sealed records to the proper location. The OSA may also assist the SOSA as time allows in processing applications and duplicating records.

Standard expense and equipment costs are included for additional staff. In addition, approximately \$1,550 would be needed for postage (3,780 requests x \$.41/envelope).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Per section 193,265, RSMo, the cost per birth certificate statement is \$15.00, which is distributed as follows: Children's Trust Fund - \$5.00; General Revenue - \$4.00; the Endowed Cemetery Care Audit Fund - \$1.00; and the Missouri Public Health Services Fund (MOPHS) - \$5.00. Increase in annual revenue is determined by 3,780 requests X \$15.00 per request = \$56,700.00; this corresponds to \$47,250.00 for a 10 month period in FY 2008. This revenue will be split between four funds (GR = \$12,600.00, Children's Trust Fund = \$15,750.00, Endowed Cemetery Fund = \$3,150.00, and Missouri Public Health Services Fund= \$15,750.00).

Oversight assumes the DHSS could absorb one and one-half FTE. Any significant increase in the workload of the DHSS would be reflected in future budget request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Income - Department of Health and Senior Services

Birth Certificate Fees	\$12,600	\$15,500	\$15,964
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Costs - Department of Health and Senior Services

Postage	(\$1,292)	(\$1,596)	(\$1,644)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

	<u>\$11,308</u>	<u>\$13,904</u>	<u>\$14,320</u>
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CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Income - Department of Health and Senior Services

Birth Certificate Fees	\$15,750	\$19,375	\$19,955
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

	<u>\$15,750</u>	<u>\$19,375</u>	<u>\$19,955</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
ENDOWED CEMETERY FUND			
<u>Income</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services			
Birth Certificate Fees	\$3,150	\$3,875	\$3,991
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ENDOWED CEMETERY FUND	<u>\$3,150</u>	<u>\$3,875</u>	<u>\$3,991</u>

MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND

<u>Income</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services			
Birth Certificate Fees	\$15,750	\$19,375	\$19,955
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND	<u>\$15,750</u>	<u>\$19,375</u>	<u>\$19,955</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

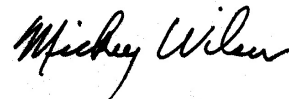
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This legislation allows any adopted person at least 18 years of age to receive a certified copy of his or her original, unaltered, and unamended certificate of birth.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services



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