

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4363-01
Bill No.: HB 1436
Subject: Children and Minors; Vital Statistics
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	\$25,200	\$30,996	\$31,926
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$25,200	\$30,996	\$31,926

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Children's Trust Fund	\$31,500	\$38,745	\$39,907
Endowed Cemetery Care Audit Fund	\$6,300	\$7,749	\$7,981
Missouri Public Health Services Fund	\$31,500	\$38,745	(\$2,318)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$69,300	\$85,239	\$45,570

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume this proposal allows an adopted adult to receive a certified copy of his or her original birth certificate. DOH anticipates inquiries and requests to increase once adoptees are aware that their sealed records are available to them upon written request. This will increased the workload of the Vital Records unit while increasing revenue to the state for providing additional birth certificates.

The cost per birth certificate statement is \$15, which is distributed as follows: Children's Trust Fund - \$5; General Revenue - \$4; the Endowed Cemetery Care Audit Fund - \$1.; and the Missouri Public Health Services Fund (MOPHS) - \$5.

DOH states there has been approximately 150,081 adoptions filed between the years 1920 and 1988 for the State of Missouri. The Vital Records unit currently responds to approximately 10-15 inquiries daily regarding access to sealed adoption records. The unit anticipate inquiries and requests for certified copies of original birth certificates to more than double from the current amount. The unit estimates this legislation will result in 30 additional requests for birth

ASSUMPTION (continued)

certificates per day (30 requests x average of 21 working days per month x 12 months in a year = 7,560 requests). The chart below shows the increase in revenue for the estimated 7,560 new certificate requests.

Birth Certificates	Calculation	FY07 (10 months)	FY08	FY09
General Revenue	7,560 X \$4.00	\$25,200	\$30,996	\$31,926
Children's Trust Fund	7,560 X \$5.00	\$31,500	\$38,745	\$39,907
Endowed Cemetery Audit Fund	7,560 X \$1.00	\$6,300	\$7,749	\$7,981
MOPHS	7,560 X \$5.00	\$31,500	\$38,745	\$39,907
TOTAL		\$94,500	\$116,235	119,721

The Vital Records unit assumes the number of requests will continue to increase as time passes and adoptees become aware that their sealed records are available to them upon written request. With the increased workload, one Senior Office Support Assistant - Keyboarding FTE would be needed by the third year (FY 2009). This position would assist internal and external customers through written correspondence, in person, and over the telephone regarding vital events and related matters. The FTE would perform moderate to difficult clerical and technical functions involving heavy public contact.

This position and related expenses would be requested from the Missouri Public Health Service Fund (MoPHS). Due to an increase in revenue out of the MoPHS fund in both FY 2007 and FY 2008 and the fact that DOH will not be asking for staff and expenses until FY 2009, DOH will be able to cover FY 2009 costs entirely with MoPHS revenue. DOH also assumes that requests for these records in future years will generate enough MoPHS revenue to cover the direct and indirect costs attributable to the legislation in subsequent years.

This proposal could increase Total State Revenues.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2007
(10 Mo.)

FY 2008

FY 2009

GENERAL REVENUE

Income - Department of Health and
Senior Services

Birth certificate fees

\$25,200

\$30,996

\$31,926

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
GENERAL REVENUE**

\$25,200

\$30,996

\$31,926

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Income - Department of Health and
Senior Services

Birth certificate fees

\$31,500

\$38,745

\$39,907

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND**

\$31,500

\$38,745

\$39,907

**ENDOWED CEMETERY CARE
AUDIT FUND**

Income - Department of Health and
Senior Services

Birth certificate fees

\$6,300

\$7,749

\$7,981

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
ENDOWED CEMETERY CARE
AUDIT FUND**

\$6,300

\$7,749

\$7,981

**MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH
 SERVICES FUND**

Income - Department of Health and
 Senior Services

Birth certificate fees	\$31,500	\$38,745	\$39,907
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Costs - Department of Health and Senior
 Services

Personal Service (1 FTE)	\$0	\$0	(\$20,664)
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$9,104)
Expense and Equipment	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$12,457)</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$42,225)</u>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH
 SERVICES FUND**

<u>\$31,500</u>	<u>\$38,745</u>	<u>(\$2,318)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<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.

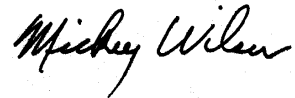
DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows any adopted person at least 18 years old 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 State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services

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