



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Contact preference forms for birth parents whose parental rights have been terminated in this state; access by such a birth parent to identifying information about his or her child or an offspring of that child; access to medical and genetic information about such a birth parent; and access by an adult adoptee or an adult born to a surrogate mother to his or her original birth certificate					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if the state registrar receives a court or administrative order providing for an adoption, the state registrar must prepare a new birth certificate for the subject of the adoption unless the adoptive parents or the adoptee requests that no new certificate be prepared. The state registrar must impound the original birth certificate and all related materials and may generally not provide access to them, except when authorized by the birth parent in an affidavit. Regarding original, impounded birth certificates for foundlings who have been adopted, the state registrar may generally not provide access to them.

Under the proposed bill, access to the adoptee's impounded birth certificate does not require birth parent authorization, provided the request comes from the adoptee who is the subject of the birth certificate and who is at least 18 years old. Access to an original, impounded foundling birth certificate would also be available upon request of the subject of the birth certificate, provided he or she is 18 years old. In addition, the bill requires the state registrar, when issuing an uncertified copy of an original, impounded birth certificate or a foundling birth certificate to an adoptee, to inform the adoptee about provisions relating to access to adoptees' medical information and about the adoption search program and the filing of contact preference forms. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to collect and publish statistics on the number of requests made for uncertified copies of these certificates.

Due to the small size of the population targeted by this bill, the Department expects that any increase in workload regarding the provision of birth certificate copies and collection and publishing of related statistics can be absorbed within the Agency's budget.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications