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S.B. No. 703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of a certified copy of a birth certificate
3 for certain minors receiving services from the Department of Family
4 and Protective Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 191.0047, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to
8 read as follows:

9 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall enter into
10 a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Family and
11 Protective Services to implement this section. Subject to
12 Subsection (c), the [~~The~~] terms of the memorandum of understanding
13 must include methods for reimbursing the Department of State Health
14 Services in an amount that is not more than the actual costs the
15 department incurs in verifying the birth information or providing
16 the birth record to the Department of Family and Protective
17 Services.

18 (c) The Department of State Health Services may not collect
19 a fee or other amount for verification of birth information or
20 provision of a certified copy of the birth record under Subsection
21 (a) for a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of
22 Family and Protective Services if parental rights to the child have
23 been terminated and the child is eligible for adoption.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.