

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 703  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2009; February 25, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
1-4 Services; March 13, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 13, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the provision of a certified copy of a birth certificate  
1-9 for certain minors receiving services from the Department of Family  
1-10 and Protective Services.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 191.0047, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-13 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall enter into  
1-16 a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Family and  
1-17 Protective Services to implement this section. Subject to  
1-18 Subsection (c), the [The] terms of the memorandum of understanding  
1-19 must include methods for reimbursing the Department of State Health  
1-20 Services in an amount that is not more than the actual costs the  
1-21 department incurs in verifying the birth information or providing  
1-22 the birth record to the Department of Family and Protective  
1-23 Services.

1-24 (c) The Department of State Health Services may not collect  
1-25 a fee or other amount for verification of birth information or  
1-26 provision of a certified copy of the birth record under Subsection  
1-27 (a) for a child in the managing conservatorship of the Department of  
1-28 Family and Protective Services if parental rights to the child have  
1-29 been terminated and the child is eligible for adoption.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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