

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 9, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB703** by Nelson (Relating to the provision of a certified copy of a birth certificate for certain minors receiving services from the Department of Family and Protective Services.),  
**As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB703, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$112,140 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	\$56,070
2011	\$56,070
2012	\$56,070
2013	\$56,070
2014	\$56,070

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>Vital Statistics Account</i> 19	Probable Savings from <i>Federal Funds</i> 555
2010	\$56,070	(\$74,100)	\$18,030
2011	\$56,070	(\$74,100)	\$18,030
2012	\$56,070	(\$74,100)	\$18,030
2013	\$56,070	(\$74,100)	\$18,030
2014	\$56,070	(\$74,100)	\$18,030

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill amends the terms of a memorandum of understanding between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to prohibit DSHS from collecting fees from DFPS for certified copies of birth certificates and birth verifications for children in the managing conservatorship of DFPS if parental rights have been terminated and the child is eligible for adoption.

**Methodology**

DSHS currently charges DFPS \$13.50 to issue a birth certificate and \$0.33 per birth verification.

In fiscal year 2008 DFPS requested 5,000 birth certificates and 20,000 birth verifications for children in the managing conservatorship of DFPS that had parental rights terminated and were eligible for adoption. DSHS assumes that DFPS will make the same number of requests in fiscal year 2010 and beyond. No longer charging DFPS for these requests will result in an estimated loss of revenue to DSHS of \$74,100 from the Vital Statistics Account and a savings to DFPS of \$56,070 in General Revenue and \$18,030 in Federal Funds in each fiscal year.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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