

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 28, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB703** by Harris (Relating to the confidentiality of birth records.), **Committee Report**  
**1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 552 of the Government Code to require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to extend the time period birth records are kept confidential from 75 years to 90 years. DSHS determined that the provisions of the bill could be implemented using existing resources. The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of

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