

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Philip Cortez, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1196** by Hinojosa (Relating to the issuance of a certified birth record, driver's license, or personal identification certificate to a homeless individual.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), a local registrar, or a county clerk to issue a certified copy of an individual's birth record without a fee to a homeless individual who requests it. The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to issue a driver's license or personal identification certificate without fee to a homeless individual. DSHS and DPS indicated the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

The bill could result in a decrease in revenue to General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 19, Vital Statistics, due to the provision of birth records to homeless individuals without fees, but the decrease is not expected to be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, birth certificate issuances cost counties approximately \$21 per certificate, not including the cost of verification of homeless status. Depending on how the request is received and how many individuals request a birth certificate, counties may experience a negative fiscal impact.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 537 State Health Services

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