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TO: Honorable Gary VanDeaver, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4466 by Hickland (Relating to restrictions on the fee assessed for issuance of certain birth records.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the lack of data related to the number of current and potential increases of requests by counties for certified birth records related to suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

The bill would require the state registrar, on request of a county, to issue a no fee certified copy of a birth record to the county if the request is related to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed by certain governmental entities. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) does not have a method that tracks counties that currently request certified copies of birth records related to these suits at the present fee. According to the CPA, any revenue loss or increase in the number of requests cannot be determined; however, are anticipated to be insignificant.

For illustrative purposes, DSHS has indicated that it would need additional Customer Service Representative V full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) if the workload increases for processing certified copy of birth record orders. DSHS estimates that a Customer Service Representative V can process about 100 orders per week, or 5,200 orders per year. The Office of Attorney General submits to DSHS approximately 49,000 suits each year affecting the parent-child relationship for the DSHS Court of Continuing Jurisdiction Registry. Depending on the number of additional requests that may be made for certified copies of birth records under the bill, the agency estimates an additional FTE would be needed for every additional 5,200 orders needed to be processed.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

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

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