

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3243-01
Bill No.: HB 1195
Subject: Allows adopted adults to have access to their original birth certificates without a court order.
Type: Original
Date: January 22, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue Fund	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$28,285
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$28,285

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation will not fiscally impact their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated the Unit responds to approximately 30 pieces of correspondence daily regarding access to adoption records. This is in addition to their daily routine. At this point, the flow of work is handled by 6 FTEs, one being the unit supervisor. Once the public is made aware that records are obtainable without a court order, more requests are anticipated. An additional FTE (Office Support Assistant Keyboarding) would be needed to accommodate the increase in requests by the third year. Expenses would be for salary and fringe benefits for one FTE, PC, systems furniture, file cabinet, chair, office supplies, data processing, office and communication expense, envelopes and postage. Cost of envelopes determined by 15 boxes (500 per box) times \$22.50. Postage is determined by amount of requests x amount of postage @ 0.34 per envelope.

Office Support Assistant, Keyboarding duties include: according to established procedures, process adoptions, corrections by affidavit, documents and paternity affidavits. Process court orders (prepare certificates as specified) from Child Support Enforcement and paternity orders. File delayed birth records (age 12 & up). File adoption and paternity affidavit records. Mail birth certificate copies with forms and instructions on how birth certificate can be amended. Information is provided by mail, phone and in person to public, medical profession, funeral directors, circuit clerks, judges, attorneys and legislators. Files are searched for requested documents, update birth certificate information in the computer after original is amended, update computer errors, prepare and provide update to local registrars for issuance of new certificates, prepare and issue certified copies of new record as requested and be knowledgeable of appropriate forms to be used, of Missouri statutes, and DOH rules and regulations regarding vital records.

Oversight assumes the Office Support Assistant would be absorbed in existing space.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Income - Department of Health and Senior Services

Increased birth certificate fees	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$75,600
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Costs - Department of Health and Senior Services

Personal Services (1 FTE)	\$0	\$0	(\$22,046)
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$7,939)
Equipment and Expense	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$17,330)</u>
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$47,315)</u>

NET ESTIMATED EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$75,600</u>	<u>\$28,285</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows an adopted person born in Missouri who is 18 years of age or older to receive a certified copy of his or her original, unaltered birth certificate from the State Registrar upon written application.

Foreign-born adoptees or persons who are adopted according to the laws of other countries by Missouri residents can submit a written application to the State Registrar to open adoption records when the adoptee is 18 years of age or older.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not

DESCRIPTION (continued)

require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services



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