

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 93** HLS 24RS 356

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Department of Health/Office of Vital Records	Analyst: Garrett Ordner
Subject: Birth Certificate Access	

VITAL RECORDS/BIRTH CERT

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to access to birth certificates

Present law provides that a certified copy of a vital record in the custody of the vital records registry shall be issued in accordance with regulations duly promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Proposed law provides that such a copy must also be issued in accordance with other provisions of law governing disclosure of records under Title 40 of the Revised Statutes. Present law allows an attorney to request a copy of a vital record as a representative of a party who is eligible to obtain such a copy themselves. Proposed law allows an attorney to do so even if the party is under the age of eighteen. Proposed law requires the state registrar to accept and fulfill requests for birth certificates upon submission of a written declaration and copy of credentials of the attorney, whether the request is submitted by the attorney or by a nonlawyer employed, retained by, or associated with that attorney. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) reports that the proposed law simplifies the process of obtaining a birth certificate for attorneys by allowing them to send an associate or non-attorney employee to obtain the certificate on their behalf. LDH reports that the proposed law also allows attorneys to request birth certificates for those persons that they represent who are under the age of 18 without a release from the parents/legal guardian. LDH does not anticipate that proposed law will lead to an increase in vital records requests.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. LDH anticipates that the proposed law will not result in additional birth certificate requests and therefore will not increase vital records fee revenues.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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