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Under current law relating to vital statistics; the state registrar or local registrars (the county registers of deeds or city registrars) may publish in a public index information from a birth certificate that is not changed or impounded concerning the name, sex, date and place of birth, and parents' names for a person born of a mother who was unmarried for the period from conception to birth. This bill limits the information that may be filed in public use indexes of certificates of birth, death, ^{and} divorce or annulment, or marriage documents that are published by the state registrar or local registrars to the registrant's full name, date of the event, county of occurrence, county of residence and, at the discretion of the state or local registrar, the file number. Further, for births that occur after September 30, 1907, certificate of birth index information may be copied or reproduced for the public only if 100 years have elapsed since the birth. Indexes of certificates of death or of divorce or annulment may be copied or reproduced for the public after 24 months from the year in which the event occurred, but certain information on the certificate of death itself may not be inspected by or disclosed to anyone for 50 years after the date of death, except to a person who has a direct and tangible interest in the death, such as a member of the decedent's immediate family or the decedent's legal custodian or guardian.

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Current law specifies procedures by which the state registrar may, without a court order, change incorrect information or insert omitted information on a vital record or must, under a court order, make those changes. Current law also requires that a certificate of birth for every birth in this state be filed in the registration district in which the birth occurs, within five days after the birth. The bill specifies procedures for the state or a local registrar to follow in recording changed information on a vital record and specifies special procedures for the state registrar to follow, under a court order, in correcting facts misrepresented by an informant for a certificate of birth. The bill prohibits the state registrar from making changes on a birth certificate, without a court order, to add or delete the name of a parent or change the identity of a parent. The bill requires that the state registrar, rather than the local registrar, register births and make a copy available in the registration districts in which the birth occurred and in which the mother resided at the time of the birth.

Currently, a funeral director, member of a decedent's immediate family, or a person authorized to dispose of unclaimed corpses or anatomically to study donated bodies who moves a corpse must, within 24 hours after the death, file certain information on a death certificate. The funeral director, family member, or person must forward the certificate to the decedent's attending physician or, for certain deaths (for example, homicides), to a coroner or medical examiner, for completion of a separate medical certification section on the death certificate. The person signing the medical certification must describe, in detail, the cause of death and must mail the death certificate within ^{five} days to the funeral director, family member, or person who is responsible for filing the death certificate. The bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2003, a certificate of death consist of three parts that contain: 1) Fact-of-death information (the name and other identifiers of the decedent, including the decedent's social security number; the date, time, and place that the decedent was pronounced dead; the manner of the death; the identity of the person certifying the death; and the dates of certification and filing of the death certificate). 2) Extended fact-of-death information (all the previous information, plus information on final disposition and cause of death, and injury-related data). 3) Statistical-only information (all other information that is collected on the standard death record form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics and other data, as directed by the state registrar, including race, educational background, and health risk behavior). In addition, the bill clarifies what items on the certificate of death must be completed by persons who are required to complete medical certifications.

Under current law, the state or a local registrar must collect specified fees for issuing various documents, including a certified copy of a vital record, an additional certified copy of the same vital record, and uncertified copies of vital records, for searching vital records, and for making alterations ordered by a court. The bill increases the amounts that the state registrar or a local registrar may charge as fees for issuing of a certified copy of a vital record, additional certified copies, and uncertified copies; for correcting certain birth certificate information; for verifying information; and for searching vital records. The bill authorizes charging for

expedited service in issuing a vital record and clarifies that fees must be charged for making any change that is court ordered or that is a rescission of a statement acknowledging paternity and that a reasonable fee may be charged for providing searches of vital records and copies of vital records to state agencies for program use.

Under current law, after persons apply for a marriage license, a county clerk who receives the sworn statement of either of the applicants must correct erroneous, false, or insufficient statements in the marriage license or in the application and must show the corrected statement to the other applicant. Under the bill, a county clerk who is notified in writing by a marriage applicant that information provided for the license is erroneous must notify the other applicant as soon as reasonably possible and, if the marriage license has not been issued, prepare a new license with the correct information entered; if the marriage license has been issued, the clerk must immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar. Also, under the bill, if the clerk discovers that correct information has been entered erroneously on the marriage license, he or she must prepare a new license if the marriage license has not been issued, or must immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous information if the marriage license has been issued.

Under current law, the marriage document must contain the social security number of each party, as well as any other informational items that DHFS determines are necessary. The bill requires that the marriage document consist of the marriage license and the marriage license worksheet, and that the latter contain the social security number and other information items that DHFS determines are necessary. Further, the marriage license worksheet must agree in the main with the standard form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics; the county clerk must transmit the marriage license worksheet to the state registrar within ^{five} 5 days after the date of issuance of the marriage license.

Currently, following a paternity action in which a court determines that a man is not the father of a child, the court must notify the state registrar to remove the man's name as the child's father from the child's birth certificate. This bill authorizes the county child support agency also to so notify the state registrar.

Currently, the definition of "vital records" means certificates of birth, death, and divorce or annulment, marriage documents, and related data. The bill expands the definition of "vital records" to include worksheets or electronic transmissions that use forms of electronic file formats that are approved by the state registrar and are related to birth, death, or divorce or annulment certificates or marriage documents.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. ^X 46.03 (34) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 **46.03 (34) FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND DRUG DANGER PAMPHLETS.** The
 2 department shall acquire, without cost if possible, pamphlets that describe the
 3 causes and effects of fetal alcohol syndrome and the dangers to a fetus of the mother's
 4 use of cocaine or other drugs during pregnancy and shall distribute the pamphlets
 5 free of charge to each county clerk in sufficient quantities so that each county clerk
 6 may provide pamphlets to marriage license applicants under s. 765.12 (1) (a).

History: 1971 c. 270 s. 104; 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 284 ss. 2, 32; 1973 c. 333; 1975 c. 39, 82; 1975 c. 189 s. 99 (1), (2); 1975 c. 224, 377, 413, 422; 1977 c. 29, 193; 1977 c. 196 s. 131; 1977 c. 203, 205, 271, 354; 1977 c. 418 ss. 287 to 289m, 924 (18) (d); 1977 c. 447, 449; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (1); 1979 c. 34; 1979 c. 175 s. 46; 1979 c. 221, 331, 352; 1981 c. 20, 81; 1981 c. 314 s. 144; 1981 c. 390; 1983 a. 27, 193; 1983 a. 435 s. 7; 1983 a. 447, 474; 1983 a. 532 s. 36; 1985 a. 19, 29, 120, 176, 234, 285, 328, 331; 1985 a. 332 s. 251 (3); 1987 a. 3, 5, 27, 161, 186, 307, 339, 385, 399, 403, 413; 1989 a. 31 ss. 938m to 951, 2909g, 2909i; 1989 a. 56, 105, 107, 122; 1991 a. 39, 277; 1993 a. 16 ss. 851 to 859, 3072d; 1993 a. 98, 377, 385, 446, 481; 1995 a. 27 ss. 2026m to 2038b, 9126 (19); 1995 a. 77, 201, 225, 352, 370, 404, 448; 1997 a. 3, 27, 111, 283, 292; 1999 a. 9, 83.

7 **SECTION 2.** 69.01 (6g) of the statutes is created to read:

8 **69.01 (6g)** "Date of death" means the date that a person is pronounced dead by
 9 a physician, coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or deputy medical examiner.

10 **SECTION 3.** 69.01 (16m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 **69.01 (16m)** "Medical certification" means those portions of a death certificate
 12 that provide the cause of death, the manner of death, injury-related data, and any
 13 other medically-related data that is collected as prescribed by the state registrar
 14 under s. 69.18 (1m) (c) 2.

15 **SECTION 4.** 69.01 (22) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **69.01 (22)** "Research" means a systematic study through scientific inquiry for
 17 the purpose of expanding a field of knowledge, including ~~but not limited to~~
 18 environmental or epidemiological research or special studies, that is conducted by
 19 persons who meet criteria for access that are specified in rules promulgated under
 20 s. 69.20 (4).

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 27; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19).

21 **SECTION 5.** 69.01 (26) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **69.01 (26)** "Vital records" means ~~certificates~~ any of the following:

1 (a) Certificates of birth, death, and divorce or annulment, and marriage
2 documents and data^{g D}

3 (c) Data related thereto to documents under par. (a) or worksheets or electronic
4 transmissions under par. (b).

5 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 27; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19).

6 **SECTION 6.** 69.01 (26) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

7 69.01 (26) (b) Worksheets or electronic transmissions that use forms or
8 electronic file formats that are approved by the state registrar and are related to
9 documents under par. (a).

10 **SECTION 7.** 69.03 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 69.03 (5) Under this subchapter, accept for registration, assign a date of
12 acceptance, and index and preserve original certificates of birth and death, original
13 marriage documents and original divorce reports. Indexes prepared for public use
14 under s. 69.20 (3) (e) shall consist of the registrant's full name, date of the event,
15 county of occurrence, county of residence, and, at the discretion of the state registrar,
16 state file number. Notwithstanding s. 69.24 (1) (e), the state registrar may transfer
17 the paper original of a vital record to optical disc or electronic format in accordance
18 with s. 16.61 (5) or to microfilm reproduction in accordance with s. 16.61 (6) and
19 destroy the paper original of any vital record that is so converted. For the purposes
20 of this subchapter, the electronic format version or microfilm reproduction version
21 of the paper original of a vital record that has been transferred under this subsection
22 shall serve as the original vital record.

23 History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 413; 1993 a. 27; 1995 a. 201, 404; 1997 a. 27.

24 **SECTION 8.** 69.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

25 69.06 (2) Make, file, and index an exact copy of every certificate accepted under
26 sub. (1). Indexes prepared for public use under s. 69.20 (3) (e) shall consist of the

1 registrant's full name, date of the event, county of occurrence, county of residence,
2 and, at the discretion of the issuing registrar, local file number.

3 History: 1985 a. 315.

3 **SECTION 9.** 69.07 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 (4) 69.07 (2) Make, file, and index an exact copy of every vital record accepted under
5 sub. (1) or received under s. 69.05 (3). Indexes prepared for public use under s. 69.20
6 (3) (e) shall consist of the registrant's full name, date of the event, county of
7 occurrence, county of residence, and, at the discretion of the issuing registrar, local
8 file number.

9 History: 1985 a. 315; 1995 a. 201.

9 **SECTION 10.** 69.08 of the statutes is renumbered 69.08 (1), and 69.08 (1) (a), as
10 renumbered, is amended to read:

11 69.08 (1) (a) Is on a form prescribed or supplied for the record by the state
12 registrar.

13 History: 1985 a. 315.

13 **SECTION 11.** 69.08 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

14 69.08 (2m) Nothing in sub. (1) may be construed to prohibit electronic filing of
15 a vital record under the system of vital statistics.

16 **SECTION 12.** 69.11 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 69.11 (3) (b) 2. Cause of death, if the vital record is a death certificate and if the
18 amendment is accompanied by a statement ^{that} which the person who signed the medical
19 ~~certificate part of the death certificate under s. 69.18 (2) certification~~ has submitted
20 to support the amendment.

21 History: 1985 a. 315.

21 **SECTION 13.** 69.11 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 14.** 69.11 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 69.11 (4) (b) ~~If 365 days have elapsed since the occurrence of the event which~~
2 ~~is the subject of a birth certificate, the~~ The state registrar may amend an item on the
3 ~~a birth certificate which~~ that affects information about the name, sex, date of birth,
4 place of birth, parents' surnames parent's name, or marital status of the mother ~~on~~
5 ~~a birth certificate~~ if 365 days have elapsed since the occurrence of the event that is
6 the subject of the birth certificate, if the amendment is at the request of a person with
7 a direct and tangible interest in the record and is on a request form supplied by the
8 state registrar, and if the amendment is accompanied by 2 items of documentary
9 evidence from early childhood that are sufficient to prove that the item to be changed
10 is in error and by the affidavit of the person requesting the amendment. A change
11 in the marital status on the birth certificate may be made under this paragraph only
12 if the marital status is inconsistent with information concerning the father or
13 husband that appears on the birth certificate. This paragraph may not be used to
14 add to or delete from a birth certificate the name of a parent or to change the identity
15 of a parent named on the birth certificate.

16 History: 1985 a. 315.

16 **SECTION 15.** 69.11 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

17 69.11 (5) (a) 2. If the amendment changes the information on the vital record,
18 do all of the following:

19 a. Record the correct information in the relevant area of the vital record.

20 b. Maintain legibility of the changed information by placing a single line
21 through the changed entry, by recording the changed information elsewhere on the
22 legal portion of the vital record, or both.

1 c. Make a notation on the vital record that clearly states that the vital record
2 has been amended and that gives the number of the item corrected, the date of the
3 correction, and the source of the amending information.

4 d. Initial the amendment notation specified in subd. 2. c.

5 SECTION 16. 69.12 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

6 69.12 (5) A change in the marital status on the certificate of birth may be
7 requested under this section only if the marital status is inconsistent with father or
8 husband information appearing on the certificate of birth. This section may not be
9 used to add or delete the name of a parent on the certificate of birth or change the
10 identity of either parent named on the certificate of birth.

11 SECTION 17. 69.13 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **69.13 Correction of facts misrepresented by informant for certificate**
13 **of birth.** The state registrar may, under an order issued by the circuit court of the
14 county in which a birth occurred, correct information about the parent or the marital
15 status of the mother on a certificate of birth that is registered in this state if all of
16 the following conditions apply:

17 (1) The correction may not be accomplished under s. 69.11, 69.12, or 69.15
18 because the disputed information was misrepresented by the informant during the
19 preparation of the birth certificate.

20 (2) The state registrar receives, on a form prescribed by the state registrar, a
21 court order that is accompanied by all of the following:

22 (a) A petition for correction filed by a person with a direct and tangible interest
23 in the certificate of birth.

24 (b) Certification that all of the following supporting evidence, as listed by the
25 court in the order, was presented in addition to oral testimony:

1 1. A certified copy of the original certificate of birth.

2 2. If the birth occurred in a hospital, a copy of the birth worksheet and any other
3 supporting documentation from the hospital.

4 3. If the birth did not occur in a hospital, a statement from the birth attendant.

5 4. If relevant to the correction sought, a certified copy of a marriage document,
6 a certified copy of a certificate of divorce or annulment or a final divorce decree that
7 indicates that the mother was not married to the person listed as her husband at any
8 time during the pregnancy, a legal name change order, or any other legal document
9 that clarifies the disputed information.

10 5. A statement signed by the certificate of birth informant or the petitioner
11 acknowledging that the disputed information was misrepresented.

12 (c) The supporting evidence specified in par. (b) 1. to 5.

13 (d) The fee specified under s. 69.22 (5) (b) 1.

14 **SECTION 18.** 69.14 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 69.14 (1) (a) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., a certificate of birth for every
16 birth ~~which~~ that occurs in this state shall be filed ~~in the registration district in which~~
17 ~~the birth occurs within 5 days after the birth and shall be registered~~ with the state
18 registrar, who shall register the birth under this subchapter and shall make a copy
19 of the certificate of birth available to the registration district in which the birth
20 occurred and the registration district in which the mother of the registrant resided
21 at the time of the birth.

22 History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 413; 1993 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 191.

23 **SECTION 19.** 69.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 69.15 (1) (b) A clerk of court or, for a paternity action, a clerk of court or county
child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), sends the state registrar a certified report

1 of an order of a court in this state on a form supplied by the state registrar or, in the
2 case of any other order, the state registrar receives a certified copy of the order and
3 the proper fee under s. 69.22.

4 History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 183; 1993 a. 481; 1995 a. 201, 404; 1997 a. 3, 27, 191.

4 **SECTION 20.** 69.17 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **69.17 Divorce report.** At the end of every biweekly period, the clerk of any
6 court which conducts divorce proceedings under ch. 767 shall forward to the state
7 registrar, on a form supplied by the state registrar or in an electronic format that is
8 approved by the state registrar, a report of every divorce or annulment of marriage
9 granted during the biweekly period. The form supplied by the state registrar shall
10 require that the social security numbers of the parties to the divorce or annulment
11 and the social security number of any child of the parties be provided.

12 History: 1985 a. 315; 1997 a. 191.

12 **SECTION 21.** 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.) A person required to file a certificate of death under par.
14 (b) shall obtain the information required for the certificate of death from the next of
15 kin or the best qualified person or source available. The person filing the certificate
16 of death shall enter his or her signature on the certificate and include his or her
17 address and the date of signing and shall present or mail the certificate, within 24
18 hours after being notified of the death, to the physician, coroner or medical examiner
19 responsible for completing and signing the medical certification ~~under sub. (2).~~
20 Within 2 days after receipt of the medical certification ~~under sub. (2)~~, the person
21 filing the certificate of death shall mail or present the certificate of death in:

22 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

22 **SECTION 22.** 69.18 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 69.18 (1) (c) A hospital ~~or~~^{or a} nursing home, as defined in s. 50.01 (3), or a
24 hospice, as defined in s. 50.90 (1), which is the place of death of a person may prepare

1 a certificate of death for the person and give the certificate to the person who moves
2 the corpse under par. (a).

3 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

3 SECTION 23. 69.18 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 69.18 (1) (d) A hospital ~~or~~^{or} nursing home, or hospice, as defined in s. 50.90 (1)
5 (c), may not release a corpse to any person under par. (a) unless the person presents
6 a notice of removal on a form prescribed by the state registrar, in duplicate, to the
7 administrator of the hospital ~~or~~^{or} nursing home, or hospice. The administrator shall
8 retain one copy and forward the other copy to the local registrar of the registration
9 district in which the hospital ~~or~~^{or} nursing home, or hospice is located or shall transmit
10 the data electronically in a manner and format that is prescribed by the state
11 registrar.

12 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

12 SECTION 24. 69.18 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

13 69.18 (1m) FORMAT. Beginning on January 1, 2003, a certificate of death shall
14 consist of the following parts:

15 (a) Fact-of-death information, which shall include all of the following:

16 1. The name and other identifiers of the decedent, including the decedent's
17 social security number, if any.

18 2. The date, time, and place that the decedent was pronounced dead.

19 3. The manner of the decedent's death.

20 4. The identity of the person certifying the death.

21 5. The dates of certification and filing of the certificate of death.

22 (b) Extended fact-of-death information, which includes all of the following:

23 1. All information under par. (a).

24 2. Information on final disposition and cause of death.

1 3. Injury-related data.

2 (c) Statistical-use-only information, which includes all of the following:

3 1. All information other than that under par. (b) that is collected on the
4 standard death record form recommended by the federal agency responsible for
5 national vital statistics.6 2. Other data, as directed by the state registrar, including race, educational
7 background, and health risk behavior.8 **SECTION 25.** 69.18 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:9 69.18 (2) (a) On the form for a certificate of death prescribed by the state
10 registrar under sub. (1) (b), the state registrar shall provide for a separate medical
11 certification section to be completed under this subsection.

12 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

12 **SECTION 26.** 69.18 (2) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:13 69.18 (2) (d) 1. Except as provided under par. (e), if a death is the subject of a
14 coroner's or medical examiner's determination under s. 979.01 or 979.03, the coroner
15 or medical examiner or a physician supervised by a coroner or medical examiner in
16 the county where the event which caused the death occurred shall complete and sign
17 the medical certification ~~part of the death certificate~~ for the death and mail the death
18 certificate within 5 days after the pronouncement of death or present the certificate
19 to the person responsible for filing the death certificate under sub. (1) within 6 days
20 after the pronouncement of death.

21 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

21 **SECTION 27.** 69.18 (2) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:22 69.18 (2) (d) 2. Except as provided under par. (e), if the decedent was not under
23 the care of a physician for the illness or condition from which the person died, the
24 coroner or medical examiner, or a physician supervised by a coroner or medical

1 examiner, in the county of the place of death shall complete and sign the medical
2 certification ~~part of the death certificate~~ for the death and mail the death certificate
3 within 5 days after the pronouncement of death or present the certificate to the
4 person responsible for filing the death certificate under sub. (1) within 6 days after
5 the pronouncement of death.

6 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

6 **SECTION 28.** 69.18 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 69.18 (3) (a) Except as provided under par. (c) or (e), the person who has moved
8 a corpse under sub. (1) (a) shall complete a report for final disposition, on a form
9 supplied by the state registrar, and, within 24 hours after being notified of the death,
10 mail or present a copy of the report or transmit the data electronically in a manner
11 and format prescribed by the state registrar to the coroner or medical examiner in
12 the county of the place of death and mail or present a copy or transmit the data
13 electronically in a manner and format prescribed by the state registrar to the local
14 registrar in the registration district of the place of death. If the cause of death is
15 subject to an investigation under s. 979.01 or 979.03, the report for final disposition
16 shall be submitted to the coroner or medical examiner in the county in which the
17 event which caused the death occurred.

18 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1989 a. 307; 1993 a. 386; 1995 a. 357; 1997 a. 114.

18 **SECTION 29.** 69.20 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 69.20 (2) (a) Except as provided under sub. (3), information in the part of a ~~birth~~
20 ~~certificate, of birth or divorce or annulment or a marriage document or divorce report~~
21 that is designated on the form as being collected for statistical or medical and
22 statistical use only and information in the part of a death certificate that is
23 designated on the form as being collected as statistical-use-only information under
24 s. 69.18 (1m) (c) may not be disclosed to any person except the subject following:

1 1. The subject of the information, or, if the subject is a minor, to his or her parent
2 or guardian.

3 History: 1985 a. 315; 1993 a. 27; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27, 191.

3 **SECTION 30.** 69.20 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

4 69.20 (2) (a) 2. For a certificate of death, any of the persons specified under s.
5 69.18 (4) (a) 1. to 6. or an individual who is authorized in writing by one of the persons.

6 **SECTION 31.** 69.20 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

7 69.20 (2) (c) Except as provided under sub. (3), until 50 years after a decedent's
8 date of death, the state registrar and a local registrar may not permit inspection of
9 or disclose information contained in the portion under s. 69.18 (1m) (b) of the
10 certificate of death to anyone except to a person specified under s. 69.20 (1), or to a
11 direct descendent of the decedent.

12 **SECTION 32.** 69.20 (3) (e) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

13 69.20 (3) (e) Public use indexes of certificates of birth, death, or divorce or
14 annulment, or marriage documents that are filed in the system of vital statistics at
15 the state or local level are accessible only by inspection at the office of the state
16 registrar or of a local registrar and may not be copied or reproduced except as follows:

17 1. a. Certificate of birth index information may be copied or reproduced for the
18 public only after 100 years have elapsed from the year in which the birth occurred.
19 No information in the index that has been impounded under s. 69.15 may be released.

20 b. Subdivision 1. a. does not apply to certificate of birth indexes of events that
21 occurred before October 1, 1907.

22 2. Indexes of certificates of death or divorce or annulment may be copied or
23 reproduced for the public after 24 months have elapsed from the year in which the
24 event occurred.

1 3. Beginning January 1, 2003, any information that is obtained from an index
2 under subd. 1. or 2. and that is released shall contain the following statement: "This
3 information is not a legal vital record index. Inclusion of any information does not
4 constitute legal verification of the fact of the event."

5 **SECTION 33.** 69.20^x (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 69.20 (4) The Under procedures that are promulgated by rule, the state
7 registrar and every local registrar shall protect vital records from mutilation,
8 alteration ~~or~~^{or}, theft, or fraudulent use and shall protect the privacy rights of
9 registrants and their families by strictly controlling direct access to any vital record
10 filed or registered in paper or electronic form ~~through procedures promulgated by~~
11 rule.

12 **SECTION 34.** 69.21^x (1) (a) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 69.21 (1) (a) 2. b. Any information of the part of a ~~birth~~ certificate, of birth,
14 death, or divorce or annulment or a marriage document or divorce report^{or}, the
15 disclosure of which is limited under s. 69.20 (2) (a) and (c), unless the requester is the
16 subject of the information or, for a decedent, unless the requester is specified in s.
17 69.20 (2) (a) 2.

History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 307; 1997 a. 210; 1999 a. 185.

History: 1985 a. 315; 1993 a. 27; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1997 a. 27, 191.

18 **SECTION 35.** 69.21 (1) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 69.21 (1) (b) 4. Any A copy of a death certificate issued under par. (a) for a death
20 that occurred before January 1, 2003, shall include, ~~without limitation due to~~
21 ~~enumeration,~~ the name, sex, date, and place of death, age or birth date, cause and
22 manner of death, and social security number, if any, of the decedent, and the file

1 number and the file date of the certificate, except that a requester may, upon request,
2 obtain a copy that does not include the cause of death.

3 History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 307; 1997 a. 210; 1999 a. 185.

3 **SECTION 36.** 69.21 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

4 69.21 (1) (b) 5. A copy of a death certificate issued under par. (a) for a death that
5 occurs after December 31, 2002, shall be on a form that contains only fact-of-death
6 information specified in s. 69.18 (1m) (a), except that a requester may, upon request,
7 obtain a form that contains extended fact-of-death information specified in s. 69.18
8 (1m) (b).

9 **SECTION 37.** 69.22 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 69.22 (1) (intro.) The Except as provided in sub. (6), the state registrar and any
11 local registrar acting under this subchapter shall collect the following fees:

12 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

12 **SECTION 38.** 69.22 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 69.22 (1) (a) Except as provided under par. (c), ~~\$7~~ \$10 for issuing one certified
14 copy of a vital record and ~~\$2~~ \$3 for any additional certified copy of the same vital
15 record issued at the same time.

16 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

16 **SECTION 39.** 69.22 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 69.22 (1) (b) Except as provided under par. (c), ~~\$7~~ \$10 for any uncertified copy
18 of a vital record issued under s. 69.21 (2) (a) or (b) or for verifying information
19 submitted by a requester without issuance of a copy.

20 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

20 **SECTION 40.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 69.22 (1) (c) ~~Twelve~~ Fifteen dollars for issuing a copy of a birth certificate, \$7
22 of which shall be forwarded to the state treasurer as provided in sub. (1m) and
23 credited to the appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h).

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

1 **SECTION 41.** 69.22 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

2 69.22 (1) (d) In addition to other fees under this subchapter, \$5 for expedited
3 service in issuing a vital record.

4 **SECTION 42.** 69.22 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 69.22 (2) The state registrar and any local registrar may charge \$7 \$10 for a
6 search of vital records if the registrar finds no record. In addition to the \$7 \$10, a
7 registrar may charge a fee to cover the costs of a search of vital records if the
8 requester provides no identifying information or identifying information which is
9 imprecise or inadequate.

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

10 **SECTION 43.** 69.22 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 69.22 (5) (a) 2. Making alterations any change ordered by a court under s. 69.12
12 (3) or 69.15 (4) (a).

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

13 **SECTION 44.** 69.22 (5) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 69.22 (5) (a) 3. Making alterations any change in a birth certificate under s.
15 69.15 (3) ~~or (3m)~~.

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

16 **SECTION 45.** 69.22 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 69.22 (5) (b) 1. Any new vital record registered under s. 69.12 (4), 69.14 (2) (b)
18 6., 69.15 (1), (2), (3) or (4) (3m), (4) (b), or (6), 69.16 (2) or 69.19, or any corrected vital
19 record registered under s. 69.13.

History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

20 **SECTION 46.** 69.22 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 69.22 (6) The state registrar may ~~provide free search and free~~ charge a
22 reasonable fee for providing searches of vital records and for providing copies of vital
23 records to state agencies for program use. The register of dccds may provide free

1 searches and free copies to agencies in his or her county at the direction of the county
2 board.

3 History: 1985 a. 315; 1985 a. 332 s. 253; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 39; 1993 a. 16, 27; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 191, 210.

3 SECTION 47. 69.24 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 69.24 (2) (b) ~~Wilfully~~ Willfully and knowingly refuses to provide information
5 required under this subchapter for ~~a death certificate or for any part of a birth~~
6 certificate which is not designated as the part for statistical or medical and statistical
7 use or for a death certificate.

8 History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 247; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1997 a. 210, 283.

8 SECTION 48. 445.13 (1m) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 445.13 (1m) (d) Mail or transmit electronically a report of final disposition
10 required under s. 69.18 (3) (a) before effecting a final disposition, as defined in s.
11 69.01 (11).

12 History: 1975 c. 39 ss. 657j, 657n, 732 (2); 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 175 s. 29; 1979 c. 221 s. 662; Stats. 1979 s. 445.13; 1983 a. 485; 1985 a. 315; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19); 1995
a. 295; 1997 a. 191, 237.

12 SECTION 49. 765.12 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 765.12 (1) (a) and

13 amended to read:

14 765.12 (1) (a) If ss. 765.02, 765.05, 765.08, and 765.09 are complied with, and
15 if there is no prohibition against or legal objection to the marriage, the county clerk
16 shall issue a marriage license. With each marriage license the county clerk shall
17 provide a pamphlet describing the causes and effects of fetal alcohol syndrome. ~~After~~
18 ~~the application for the marriage license the clerk shall, upon the sworn statement~~
19 ~~of either of the applicants, correct any erroneous, false or insufficient statement in~~
20 ~~the marriage license or in the application therefor which shall come to the clerk's~~
21 ~~attention prior to the marriage and shall show the corrected statement as soon as~~
22 ~~reasonably possible to the other applicant.~~

23 History: 1977 c. 105; 1979 c. 32 ss. 48, 92 (2); 1979 c. 176, 196; Stats. 1979 s. 765.12; 1981 c. 20; 1985 a. 19.

23 SECTION 50. 765.12 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

1 765.12 (1) (b) If, after completion of the marriage license application, one of the
2 applicants notifies the clerk in writing that any of the information provided by that
3 applicant for the license is erroneous, the clerk shall notify the other applicant of the
4 correction as soon as reasonably possible. If the marriage license has not been
5 issued, the clerk shall prepare a new license with the correct information entered.
6 If the marriage license has been issued, the clerk shall immediately send a letter of
7 correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous information.

8 **SECTION 51.** 765.12 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

9 765.12 (1) (c) If, after completion of the marriage license application, the clerk
10 discovers that correct information has been entered erroneously, the clerk shall, if
11 the marriage license has not been issued, prepare a new license with the correct
12 information correctly entered. If the marriage license has been issued, the clerk shall
13 immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous
14 information.

15 **SECTION 52.** 765.13 of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **765.13 Form of marriage document.** The marriage document shall contain
17 ~~the social security number of each party, as well as any other informational items~~
18 ~~that the department of health and family services determines are necessary and~~
19 ~~shall agree in the main with the standard form recommended by the federal agency~~
20 ~~responsible for national vital statistics. It consist of the marriage license and the~~
21 marriage license worksheet. The marriage license shall contain a notification of the
22 time limits of the authorization to marry, a notation that the issue of the marriage
23 license shall not be deemed to remove or dispense with any legal disability,
24 impediment or prohibition rendering marriage between the parties illegal, and the
25 signature of the county clerk, who shall acquire the information for the marriage

1 document and enter it in its proper place when the marriage license is issued. The
2 marriage license worksheet shall contain the social security number of each party,
3 as well as any other information items that the department of health and family
4 services determines are necessary and shall agree in the main with the standard
5 form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics.
6 The county clerk shall transmit the marriage license worksheet to the state registrar
7 within 5 days after the date of issuance of the marriage license.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 32 s. 48; Stats. 1979 s. 765.13; 1981 c. 20; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19); 1997 a. 191.

8 **SECTION 53.** 767.62 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 767.62 (5) (b) If a court in a proceeding under par. (a) determines that the man
10 is not the father of the child, the court shall vacate any order entered under sub. (4)
11 with respect to the man. The court or the county child support agency under s. 59.53
12 (5) shall notify the state registrar, in the manner provided in s. 69.15 (1) (b), to remove
13 the man's name as the father of the child from the child's birth certificate. No
14 paternity action may thereafter be brought against the man with respect to the child.

History: 1993 a. 481; 1995 a. 100; 1997 a. 191; 1999 a. 9.

15 **SECTION 9423. Effective dates; health and family services.**

16 (1) DEATH CERTIFICATE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION. The treatment of sections 69.01
17 (16m), 69.11 (3) (b) 2., ^{and} 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.), ~~69.18 (2) (a) and (d) 1. and 2.~~ ^{of the statutes,}
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Under current law relating to vital statistics, the state registrar or local registrars (the county registers of deeds or city registrars) may publish in a public index information from a birth certificate that is not changed or impounded concerning the name, sex, date and place of birth, and parents' names for a person born of a mother who was unmarried for the period from conception to birth. This bill limits the information that may be filed in public use indexes of certificates of birth, death, and divorce, or annulment, or marriage documents that are published by the state registrar or local registrars to the registrant's full name, date of the event, county of occurrence, county of residence and, at the discretion of the state or local registrar, the file number. Further, under the bill, for births that occur after September 30, 1907, certificate of birth index information may be copied or reproduced for the public only if 100 years have elapsed since the birth. Indexes of certificates of death or of divorce or annulment may be copied or reproduced for the public after 24 months from the year in which the event occurred, but certain information on the certificate of death itself may not be inspected by or disclosed to anyone for 50 years after the date of death, except to a person who has a direct and tangible interest in the death, such as a member of the decedent's immediate family or the decedent's legal custodian or guardian.

Current law specifies procedures by which the state registrar may, without a court order, change incorrect information or insert omitted information on a vital record or must, under a court order, make those changes. Current law also requires that a certificate of birth for every birth in this state be filed in the registration district in which the birth occurs, within five days after the birth. The bill specifies procedures for the state or a local registrar to follow in recording changed information on a vital record and specifies special procedures for the state registrar to follow, under a court order, in correcting facts misrepresented by an informant for a certificate of birth. The bill prohibits the state registrar from making changes on a birth certificate, without a court order, to add or delete the name of a parent or change the identity of a parent. The bill requires that the state registrar, rather than the local registrar, register births and make a copy available in the registration districts in which the birth occurred and in which the mother resided at the time of the birth.

Currently, a funeral director, a member of a decedent's immediate family, or a person authorized to dispose of unclaimed corpses or anatomically to study donated bodies who moves a corpse must, within 24 hours after the death, file certain information on a death certificate. The funeral director, family member, or person must forward the certificate to the decedent's attending physician or, for certain deaths (for example, homicides), to a coroner or medical examiner, for completion of a separate medical certification section on the death certificate. The person signing the medical certification must describe, in detail, the cause of death and must mail the death certificate within five days to the funeral director, family member, or person who is responsible for filing the death certificate. The bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2003, a certificate of death consist of three parts that contain:

- 1) Fact-of-death information (the name and other identifiers of the decedent, including the decedent's social security number; the date, time, and place that the decedent was pronounced dead; the manner of the death; the identity of the person certifying the death; and the dates of certification and filing of the death certificate).
- 2) Extended fact-of-death information (all the previous information, plus information on final disposition and cause of death, and injury-related data).
- 3) Statistical-only information (all other information that is collected on the standard death record form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics and other data, as directed by the state registrar, including race, educational background, and health risk behavior).

In addition, the bill clarifies what items on the certificate of death must be completed by persons who are required to complete medical certifications.

Under current law, the state or a local registrar must collect specified fees for issuing various documents, including a certified copy of a vital record, an additional certified copy of the same vital record, and uncertified copies of vital records, for searching vital records, and for making alterations ordered by a court. The bill increases the amounts that the state registrar or a local registrar may charge as fees for issuing of a certified copy of a vital record, additional certified copies, and uncertified copies; for correcting certain birth certificate information; for verifying information; and for searching vital records. The bill authorizes charging for

expedited service in issuing a vital record and clarifies that fees must be charged for making any change that is court ordered or that is a rescission of a statement acknowledging paternity and that a reasonable fee may be charged for providing searches of vital records and copies of vital records to state agencies for program use.

Under current law, after persons apply for a marriage license, a county clerk who receives the sworn statement of either of the applicants must correct erroneous, false, or insufficient statements in the marriage license or in the application and must show the corrected statement to the other applicant. Under the bill, a county clerk who is notified in writing by a marriage applicant that information provided for the license is erroneous must notify the other applicant as soon as reasonably possible and, if the marriage license has not been issued, prepare a new license with the correct information entered; if the marriage license has been issued, the clerk must immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar. Also, under the bill, if the clerk discovers that correct information has been entered erroneously on the marriage license, he or she must prepare a new license if the marriage license has not been issued, or must immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous information if the marriage license has been issued.

Under current law, the marriage document must contain the social security number of each party, as well as any other informational items that DHFS determines are necessary. The bill requires that the marriage document consist of the marriage license and the marriage license worksheet, and that the latter contain the social security number and other information items that DHFS determines are necessary. Further, the marriage license worksheet must agree in the main with the standard form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics; the county clerk must transmit the marriage license worksheet to the state registrar within five days after the date of issuance of the marriage license.

Currently, following a paternity action in which a court determines that a man is not the father of a child, the court must notify the state registrar to remove the man's name as the child's father from the child's birth certificate. This bill authorizes the county child support agency also to so notify the state registrar.

Currently, the definition of "vital records" means certificates of birth, death, and divorce or annulment, marriage documents, and related data. The bill expands the definition of "vital records" to include worksheets or electronic transmissions that use forms of electronic file formats that are approved by the state registrar and are related to birth, death, or divorce or annulment certificates or marriage documents.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. 46.03 (34) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 **46.03 (34) FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND DRUG DANGER PAMPHLETS.** The
2 department shall acquire, without cost if possible, pamphlets that describe the
3 causes and effects of fetal alcohol syndrome and the dangers to a fetus of the mother's
4 use of cocaine or other drugs during pregnancy and shall distribute the pamphlets
5 free of charge to each county clerk in sufficient quantities so that each county clerk
6 may provide pamphlets to marriage license applicants under s. 765.12 (1) (a).

7 **SECTION 2.** 69.01 (6g) of the statutes is created to read:

8 **69.01 (6g)** "Date of death" means the date that a person is pronounced dead by
9 a physician, coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or deputy medical examiner.

10 **SECTION 3.** 69.01 (16m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 **69.01 (16m)** "Medical certification" means those portions of a death certificate
12 that provide the cause of death, the manner of death, injury-related data, and any
13 other medically-related data that is collected as prescribed by the state registrar
14 under s. 69.18 (1m) (c) 2.

15 **SECTION 4.** 69.01 (22) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 **69.01 (22)** "Research" means a systematic study through scientific inquiry for
17 the purpose of expanding a field of knowledge, including ~~but not limited to~~
18 environmental or epidemiological research or special studies, that is conducted by
19 persons who meet criteria for access that are specified in rules promulgated under
20 s. 69.20 (4).

21 **SECTION 5.** 69.01 (26) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **69.01 (26)** "Vital records" means ~~certificates~~ any of the following:

23 (a) Certificates of birth, death, and divorce or annulment, and marriage
24 documents and data.

1 (c) Data related thereto to documents under par. (a) or worksheets or electronic
2 transmissions under par. (b).

3 **SECTION 6.** 69.01 (26) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

4 69.01 (26) (b) Worksheets or electronic transmissions that use forms or
5 electronic file formats that are approved by the state registrar and are related to
6 documents under par. (a).

7 **SECTION 7.** 69.03 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 69.03 (5) Under this subchapter, accept for registration, assign a date of
9 acceptance, and index and preserve original certificates of birth and death, original
10 marriage documents and original divorce reports. Indexes prepared for public use
11 under s. 69.20 (3) (e) shall consist of the registrant's full name, date of the event,
12 county of occurrence, county of residence, and, at the discretion of the state registrar,
13 state file number. Notwithstanding s. 69.24 (1) (e), the state registrar may transfer
14 the paper original of a vital record to optical disc or electronic format in accordance
15 with s. 16.61 (5) or to microfilm reproduction in accordance with s. 16.61 (6) and
16 destroy the paper original of any vital record that is so converted. For the purposes
17 of this subchapter, the electronic format version or microfilm reproduction version
18 of the paper original of a vital record that has been transferred under this subsection
19 shall serve as the original vital record.

20 **SECTION 8.** 69.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 69.06 (2) Make, file, and index an exact copy of every certificate accepted under
22 sub. (1). Indexes prepared for public use under s. 69.20 (3) (e) shall consist of the
23 registrant's full name, date of the event, county of occurrence, county of residence,
24 and, at the discretion of the issuing registrar, local file number.

25 **SECTION 9.** 69.07 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 69.07 (2) Make, file, and index an exact copy of every vital record accepted
2 under sub. (1) or received under s. 69.05 (3). Indexes prepared for public use under
3 s. 69.20 (3) (e) shall consist of the registrant's full name, date of the event, county of
4 occurrence, county of residence, and, at the discretion of the issuing registrar, local
5 file number.

6 **SECTION 10.** 69.08 of the statutes is renumbered 69.08 (1), and 69.08 (1) (a), as
7 renumbered, is amended to read:

8 69.08 (1) (a) Is on a form prescribed or supplied for the record by the state
9 registrar.

10 **SECTION 11.** 69.08 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 69.08 (2m) ~~Nothing in s. 69.08 (1) may be construed to~~ prohibit electronic filing of
12 a vital record under the system of vital statistics.

13 **SECTION 12.** 69.11 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 69.11 (3) (b) 2. Cause of death, if the vital record is a death certificate and if the
15 amendment is accompanied by a statement ~~which~~ that the person who signed the
16 medical ~~certificate part of the death certificate under s. 69.18 (2) certification~~ has
17 submitted to support the amendment.

18 **SECTION 13.** 69.11 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 14.** 69.11 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 69.11 (4) (b) ~~If 365 days have elapsed since the occurrence of the event which~~
21 ~~is the subject of a birth certificate, the~~ The state registrar may amend an item on the
22 a birth certificate which that affects information about the name, sex, date of birth,
23 place of birth, ~~parents' surnames~~ parent's name, or marital status of the mother ~~on~~
24 a birth certificate if 365 days have elapsed since the occurrence of the event that is
25 the subject of the birth certificate, if the amendment is at the request of a person with

1 a direct and tangible interest in the record and is on a request form supplied by the
2 state registrar, and if the amendment is accompanied by 2 items of documentary
3 evidence from early childhood that are sufficient to prove that the item to be changed
4 is in error and by the affidavit of the person requesting the amendment. A change
5 in the marital status on the birth certificate may be made under this paragraph only
6 if the marital status is inconsistent with information concerning the father or
7 husband that appears on the birth certificate. This paragraph may not be used to
8 add to or delete from a birth certificate the name of a parent or to change the identity
9 of a parent named on the birth certificate.

10 **SECTION 15.** 69.11 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

11 69.11 (5) (a) 2. If the amendment changes the information on the vital record,
12 do all of the following:

13 a. Record the correct information in the relevant area of the vital record.

14 b. Maintain legibility of the changed information by placing a single line
15 through the changed entry, by recording the changed information elsewhere on the
16 legal portion of the vital record, or both.

17 c. Make a notation on the vital record that clearly states that the vital record
18 has been amended and that gives the number of the item corrected, the date of the
19 correction, and the source of the amending information.

20 d. Initial the amendment notation specified in subd. 2. c.

21 **SECTION 16.** 69.12 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

22 69.12 (5) A change in the marital status on the certificate of birth may be
23 requested under this section only if the marital status is inconsistent with father or
24 husband information appearing on the certificate of birth. This section may not be

1 used to add or delete the name of a parent on the certificate of birth or change the
2 identity of either parent named on the certificate of birth.

3 **SECTION 17.** 69.13 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **69.13 Correction of facts misrepresented by informant for certificate**
5 **of birth.** The state registrar may, under an order issued by the circuit court of the
6 county in which a birth occurred, correct information about the parent or the marital
7 status of the mother on a certificate of birth that is registered in this state if all of
8 the following conditions apply:

9 (1) The correction may not be accomplished under s. 69.11, 69.12, or 69.15
10 because the disputed information was misrepresented by the informant during the
11 preparation of the birth certificate.

12 (2) The state registrar receives, on a form prescribed by the state registrar, a
13 court order that is accompanied by all of the following:

14 (a) A petition for correction filed by a person with a direct and tangible interest
15 in the certificate of birth.

16 (b) Certification that all of the following supporting evidence, as listed by the
17 court in the order, was presented in addition to oral testimony:

18 1. A certified copy of the original certificate of birth.

19 2. If the birth occurred in a hospital, a copy of the birth worksheet and any other
20 supporting documentation from the hospital.

21 3. If the birth did not occur in a hospital, a statement from the birth attendant.

22 4. If relevant to the correction sought, a certified copy of a marriage document,
23 a certified copy of a certificate of divorce or annulment or a final divorce decree that
24 indicates that the mother was not married to the person listed as her husband at any

1 time during the pregnancy, a legal name change order, or any other legal document
2 that clarifies the disputed information.

3 5. A statement signed by the certificate of birth informant or the petitioner
4 acknowledging that the disputed information was misrepresented.

5 (c) The supporting evidence specified in par. (b) 1. to 5.

6 (d) The fee specified under s. 69.22 (5) (b) 1.

7 **SECTION 18.** 69.14 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 69.14 (1) (a) 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., a certificate of birth for every
9 birth which that occurs in this state shall be filed ~~in the registration district in which~~
10 ~~the birth occurs~~ within 5 days after the birth ~~and shall be registered~~ with the state
11 registrar, who shall register the birth under this subchapter and shall make a copy
12 of the certificate of birth available to the registration district in which the birth
13 occurred and the registration district in which the mother of the registrant resided
14 at the time of the birth.

15 **SECTION 19.** 69.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 69.15 (1) (b) A clerk of court or, for a paternity action, a clerk of court or county
17 child support agency under s. 59.53 (5), sends the state registrar a certified report
18 of an order of a court in this state on a form supplied by the state registrar or, in the
19 case of any other order, the state registrar receives a certified copy of the order and
20 the proper fee under s. 69.22.

21 **SECTION 20.** 69.17 of the statutes is amended to read:

22 **69.17 Divorce report.** At the end of every biweekly period, the clerk of any
23 court which conducts divorce proceedings under ch. 767 shall forward to the state
24 registrar, on a form supplied by the state registrar or in an electronic format that is
25 approved by the state registrar, a report of every divorce or annulment of marriage

1 granted during the biweekly period. The form supplied by the state registrar shall
2 require that the social security numbers of the parties to the divorce or annulment
3 and the social security number of any child of the parties be provided.

4 **SECTION 21.** 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.) A person required to file a certificate of death under par.
6 (b) shall obtain the information required for the certificate of death from the next of
7 kin or the best qualified person or source available. The person filing the certificate
8 of death shall enter his or her signature on the certificate and include his or her
9 address and the date of signing and shall present or mail the certificate, within 24
10 hours after being notified of the death, to the physician, coroner or medical examiner
11 responsible for completing and signing the medical certification ~~under sub. (2).~~
12 Within 2 days after receipt of the medical certification ~~under sub. (2)~~, the person
13 filing the certificate of death shall mail or present the certificate of death in:

14 **SECTION 22.** 69.18 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 69.18 (1) (c) A hospital ~~or~~, a nursing home, as defined in s. 50.01 (3), or a hospice,
16 as defined in s. 50.90 (1), which is the place of death of a person may prepare a
17 certificate of death for the person and give the certificate to the person who moves
18 the corpse under par. (a).

19 **SECTION 23.** 69.18 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 69.18 (1) (d) A hospital ~~or~~, nursing home, or hospice, as defined in s. 50.90 (1)
21 (c), may not release a corpse to any person under par. (a) unless the person presents
22 a notice of removal on a form prescribed by the state registrar, in duplicate, to the
23 administrator of the hospital ~~or~~, nursing home, or hospice. The administrator shall
24 retain one copy and forward the other copy to the local registrar of the registration
25 district in which the hospital ~~or~~, nursing home, or hospice is located or shall transmit

1 the data electronically in a manner and format that is prescribed by the state
2 registrar.

3 **SECTION 24.** 69.18 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 **69.18 (1m) FORMAT.** Beginning on January 1, 2003, a certificate of death shall
5 consist of the following parts:

6 (a) ~~Fact-of-death~~ information, which shall include all of the following:

7 1. The name and other identifiers of the decedent, including the decedent's
8 social security number, if any.

9 2. The date, time, and place that the decedent was pronounced dead.

10 3. The manner of the decedent's death.

11 4. The identity of the person certifying the death.

12 5. The dates of certification and filing of the certificate of death.

13 (b) ~~Extended fact-of-death~~ information, which includes all of the following:

14 1. All information under par. (a).

15 2. Information on final disposition and cause of death.

16 3. ~~Injury-related~~ data.

17 (c) ~~Statistical-use-only~~ information, which includes all of the following:

18 1. All information other than that under par. (b) that is collected on the
19 standard death record form recommended by the federal agency responsible for
20 national vital statistics.

21 2. Other data, as directed by the state registrar, including race, educational
22 background, and health risk behavior.

23 **SECTION 25.** 69.18 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 69.18 (2) (a) On the form for a certificate of death prescribed by the state
2 registrar under sub. (1) (b), the state registrar shall provide for a ~~separate~~ medical
3 certification ~~section~~ to be completed under this subsection.

4 **SECTION 26.** 69.18 (2) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 69.18 (2) (d) 1. Except as provided under par. (e), if a death is the subject of a
6 coroner's or medical examiner's determination under s. 979.01 or 979.03, the coroner
7 or medical examiner or a physician supervised by a coroner or medical examiner in
8 the county where the event which caused the death occurred shall complete and sign
9 the medical certification ~~part of the death certificate~~ for the death and mail the death
10 certificate within 5 days after the pronouncement of death or present the certificate
11 to the person responsible for filing the death certificate under sub. (1) within 6 days
12 after the pronouncement of death.

13 **SECTION 27.** 69.18 (2) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 69.18 (2) (d) 2. Except as provided under par. (e), if the decedent was not under
15 the care of a physician for the illness or condition from which the person died, the
16 coroner or medical examiner, or a physician supervised by a coroner or medical
17 examiner, in the county of the place of death shall complete and sign the medical
18 certification ~~part of the death certificate~~ for the death and mail the death certificate
19 within 5 days after the pronouncement of death or present the certificate to the
20 person responsible for filing the death certificate under sub. (1) within 6 days after
21 the pronouncement of death.

22 **SECTION 28.** 69.18 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 69.18 (3) (a) Except as provided under par. (c) or (e), the person who has moved
24 a corpse under sub. (1) (a) shall complete a report for final disposition, on a form
25 supplied by the state registrar, and, within 24 hours after being notified of the death,

1 mail or present a copy of the report or transmit the data electronically in a manner
2 and format prescribed by the state registrar to the coroner or medical examiner in
3 the county of the place of death and mail or present a copy or transmit the data
4 electronically in a manner and format prescribed by the state registrar to the local
5 registrar in the registration district of the place of death. If the cause of death is
6 subject to an investigation under s. 979.01 or 979.03, the report for final disposition
7 shall be submitted to the coroner or medical examiner in the county in which the
8 event which caused the death occurred.

9 **SECTION 29.** 69.20 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 69.20 (2) (a) Except as provided under sub. (3), information in the part of a birth
11 ~~certificate, of birth or divorce or annulment or a marriage document or divorce report~~
12 that is designated on the form as being collected for statistical or medical and
13 statistical use only and information in the part of a death certificate that is
14 designated on the form as being collected as statistical-use-only information under
15 s. 69.18 (1m) (c) may not be disclosed to any person except the subject following:

16 1. The subject of the information, or, if the subject is a minor, ~~to~~ his or her parent
17 or guardian.

18 **SECTION 30.** 69.20 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

19 69.20 (2) (a) 2. For a certificate of death, any of the persons specified under s.
20 69.18 (4) (a) 1. to 6. or an individual who is authorized in writing by one of the persons.

21 **SECTION 31.** 69.20 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

22 69.20 (2) (c) Except as provided under sub. (3), until 50 years after a decedent's
23 date of death, the state registrar and a local registrar may not permit inspection of
24 or disclose information contained in the portion under s. 69.18 (1m) (b) of the

1 certificate of death to anyone except to a person specified under s. 69.20 (1), or to a
2 direct descendent of the decedent.

3 **SECTION 32.** 69.20 (3) (e) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 69.20 (3) (e) Public use indexes of certificates of birth, death, or divorce or
5 annulment, or marriage documents that are filed in the system of vital statistics at
6 the state or local level are accessible only by inspection at the office of the state
7 registrar or of a local registrar and may not be copied or reproduced except as follows:

8 1. a. Certificate of birth index information may be copied or reproduced for the
9 public only after 100 years have elapsed from the year in which the birth occurred.
10 No information in the index that has been impounded under s. 69.15 may be released.

11 b. Subdivision 1. a. does not apply to certificate of birth indexes of events that
12 occurred before October 1, 1907.

13 2. Indexes of certificates of death or divorce or annulment may be copied or
14 reproduced for the public after 24 months have elapsed from the year in which the
15 event occurred.

16 3. Beginning January 1, 2003, any information that is obtained from an index
17 under subd. 1. or 2. and that is released shall contain the following statement: "This
18 information is not a legal vital record index. Inclusion of any information does not
19 constitute legal verification of the fact of the event."

20 **SECTION 33.** 69.20 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 69.20 (4) The Under procedures that are promulgated by rule, the state
22 registrar and every local registrar shall protect vital records from mutilation,
23 alteration ~~or~~, theft, or fraudulent use and shall protect the privacy rights of
24 registrants and their families by strictly controlling direct access to any vital record

1 filed or registered in paper or electronic form through ~~procedures promulgated by~~
2 ~~rule.~~

3 **SECTION 34.** 69.21 (1) (a) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 69.21 (1) (a) 2. b. Any information of the part of a ~~birth~~ certificate, of birth,
5 death, or divorce or annulment or a marriage document or divorce report, the
6 disclosure of which is limited under s. 69.20 (2) (a) and (c), unless the requester is the
7 subject of the information or, for a decedent, unless the requester is specified in s.
8 69.20 (2) (a) 2.

9 **SECTION 35.** 69.21 (1) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 69.21 (1) (b) 4. ~~Any~~ A copy of a death certificate issued under par. (a) for a death
11 that occurred before January 1, 2003, shall include, ~~without limitation due to~~
12 ~~enumeration,~~ the name, sex, date and place of death, age or birth date, cause and
13 manner of death, and social security number, if any, of the decedent, and the file
14 number and the file date of the certificate, except that a requester may, upon request,
15 obtain a copy that does not include the cause of death.

16 **SECTION 36.** 69.21 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

17 69.21 (1) (b) 5. A copy of a death certificate issued under par. (a) for a death that
18 occurs after December 31, 2002, shall be on a form that contains only fact-of-death
19 information specified in s. 69.18 (1m) (a), except that a requester may, upon request,
20 obtain a form that contains extended fact-of-death information specified in s. 69.18
21 (1m) (b).

22 **SECTION 37.** 69.22 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 69.22 (1) (intro.) ~~The~~ Except as provided in sub. (6), the state registrar and any
24 local registrar acting under this subchapter shall collect the following fees:

25 **SECTION 38.** 69.22 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 69.22 (1) (a) Except as provided under par. (c), ~~\$7~~ \$10 for issuing one certified
2 copy of a vital record and ~~\$2~~ \$3 for any additional certified copy of the same vital
3 record issued at the same time.

4 **SECTION 39.** 69.22 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 69.22 (1) (b) Except as provided under par. (c), ~~\$7~~ \$10 for any uncertified copy
6 of a vital record issued under s. 69.21 (2) (a) or (b) or for verifying information
7 submitted by a requester without issuance of a copy.

8 **SECTION 40.** 69.22 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 69.22 (1) (c) ~~Twelve~~ Fifteen dollars for issuing a copy of a birth certificate, \$7
10 of which shall be forwarded to the state treasurer as provided in sub. (1m) and
11 credited to the appropriations under s. 20.433 (1) (g) and (h).

12 **SECTION 41.** 69.22 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

13 69.22 (1) (d) In addition to other fees under this subchapter, \$5 for expedited
14 service in issuing a vital record.

15 **SECTION 42.** 69.22 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 69.22 (2) The state registrar and any local registrar may charge ~~\$7~~ \$10 for a
17 search of vital records if the registrar finds no record. In addition to the ~~\$7~~ \$10, a
18 registrar may charge a fee to cover the costs of a search of vital records if the
19 requester provides no identifying information or identifying information which is
20 imprecise or inadequate.

21 **SECTION 43.** 69.22 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 69.22 (5) (a) 2. Making ~~alterations~~ any change ordered by a court under s. 69.12
23 (3) or 69.15 (4) (a).

24 **SECTION 44.** 69.22 (5) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 69.22 (5) (a) 3. Making ~~alterations~~ any change in a birth certificate under s.
2 69.15 (3) ~~or (3m)~~.

3 **SECTION 45.** 69.22 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 69.22 (5) (b) 1. Any new vital record registered under s. 69.12 (4), 69.14 (2) (b)
5 6., 69.15 (1), (2), (3) or (4) (3m), (4) (b), or (6), 69.16 (2), or 69.19, or any corrected vital
6 record registered under s. 69.13.

7 **SECTION 46.** 69.22 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 69.22 (6) The state registrar may ~~provide free search and free~~ charge a
9 reasonable fee for providing searches of vital records and for providing copies of vital
10 records to state agencies for program use. The register of deeds may provide free
11 searches and free copies to agencies in his or her county at the direction of the county
12 board.

13 **SECTION 47.** 69.24 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 69.24 (2) (b) ~~Wilfully~~ Willfully and knowingly refuses to provide information
15 required under this subchapter for ~~a death certificate or for any part of a birth~~
16 certificate which is not designated as the part for statistical or medical and statistical
17 use or for a death certificate.

18 **SECTION 48.** 445.13 (1m) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 445.13 (1m) (d) Mail ~~or transmit electronically~~ a report of final disposition
20 required under s. 69.18 (3) (a) before effecting a final disposition, as defined in s.
21 69.01 (11).

22 **SECTION 49.** 765.12 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 765.12 (1) (a) and
23 amended to read:

24 765.12 (1) (a) If ss. 765.02, 765.05, 765.08, and 765.09 are complied with, and
25 if there is no prohibition against or legal objection to the marriage, the county clerk

1 shall issue a marriage license. With each marriage license the county clerk shall
2 provide a pamphlet describing the causes and effects of fetal alcohol syndrome. After
3 ~~the application for the marriage license the clerk shall, upon the sworn statement~~
4 ~~of either of the applicants, correct any erroneous, false or insufficient statement in~~
5 ~~the marriage license or in the application therefor which shall come to the clerk's~~
6 ~~attention prior to the marriage and shall show the corrected statement as soon as~~
7 ~~reasonably possible to the other applicant.~~

8 **SECTION 50.** 765.12 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 765.12 (1) (b) If, after completion of the marriage license application, one of the
10 applicants notifies the clerk in writing that any of the information provided by that
11 applicant for the license is erroneous, the clerk shall notify the other applicant of the
12 correction as soon as reasonably possible. If the marriage license has not been
13 issued, the clerk shall prepare a new license with the correct information entered.
14 If the marriage license has been issued, the clerk shall immediately send a letter of
15 correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous information.

16 **SECTION 51.** 765.12 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

17 765.12 (1) (c) If, after completion of the marriage license application, the clerk
18 discovers that correct information has been entered erroneously, the clerk shall, if
19 the marriage license has not been issued, prepare a new license with the correct
20 information correctly entered. If the marriage license has been issued, the clerk shall
21 immediately send a letter of correction to the state registrar to amend the erroneous
22 information.

23 **SECTION 52.** 765.13 of the statutes is amended to read:

24 **765.13 Form of marriage document.** The marriage document shall contain
25 ~~the social security number of each party, as well as any other informational items~~

1 ~~that the department of health and family services determines are necessary and~~
2 ~~shall agree in the main with the standard form recommended by the federal agency~~
3 ~~responsible for national vital statistics. It consist of the marriage license and the~~
4 marriage license worksheet. The marriage license shall contain a notification of the
5 time limits of the authorization to marry, a notation that the issue of the marriage
6 license shall not be deemed to remove or dispense with any legal disability,
7 impediment or prohibition rendering marriage between the parties illegal, and the
8 signature of the county clerk, who shall acquire the information for the marriage
9 document and enter it in its proper place when the marriage license is issued. The
10 marriage license worksheet shall contain the social security number of each party,
11 as well as any other information items that the department of health and family
12 services determines are necessary and shall agree in the main with the standard
13 form recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics.
14 The county clerk shall transmit the marriage license worksheet to the state registrar
15 within 5 days after the date of issuance of the marriage license.

16 **SECTION 53.** 767.62 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 767.62 (5) (b) If a court in a proceeding under par. (a) determines that the man
18 is not the father of the child, the court shall vacate any order entered under sub. (4)
19 with respect to the man. ~~The court or the county child support agency under s. 59.53~~
20 (5) shall notify the state registrar, in the manner provided in s. 69.15 (1) (b), to remove
21 the man's name as the father of the child from the child's birth certificate. No
22 paternity action may thereafter be brought against the man with respect to the child.

23 **SECTION 9423. Effective dates; health and family services.**

24 (1) DEATH CERTIFICATE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION. The treatment of sections 69.01
25 (16m), 69.11 (3) (b) 2., and 69.18 (1) (bm) (intro.), (2) (a) and (d) 1. and 2. of the

1 statutes, the amendment of section 69.20 (2) (a) of the statutes, and the creation of
2 section 60.20 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes take effect on January 1, 2003.

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To Sue Gablevsky and Ellen Hadidian:

This redraft makes a minor correction to

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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To Sue Jablonsky and Ellen Hadidian:

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From: Hadidian, Ellen
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2000 8:17 AM
To: Kennedy, Debora
Cc: Jablonsky, Sue
Subject: Re: Fwd: FW: LRB Draft: 01-0426/1 Vital records

Attached are the comments from program staff regarding this draft. As you can see, they had very few proposed changes. Could you look over their comments and let me know whether they make sense to you and the proposed changes could be made? It looks like they agree with what you did in s.69.18(2)(a), but I'll double check. Thanks for doing such a great job with this request, Debora.

-----Original Message-----

Date: 12/15/2000 11:15 am -0600 (Friday)
From: Linda Langlois
To: Hadidian, Ellen
CC: Breitborde, Sandra; Gilpin, Jean; Heimbruch, Janet; Peterson, Peggy
Subject: Re: Fwd: FW: LRB Draft: 01-0426/1 Vital records

Hi Ellen. We have all had a chance to review the draft you sent us. The only edits we have are as follows:

- ✓ 1) On Page 2, in the last paragraph, it states "Under current law, the state or a local registrar must collect specified fees for issuing various documents, including a certified copy of a vital record, an additional certified copy of the same vital record, and uncertified copies of vital records, for searching vital records, and for making alterations ordered by a court. We need to change the sentence to read making alterations administratively and ordered by a court.
- ✓ 2) On Page 3, the sentence continues with "expedited service in issuing a vital record and clarifies that fees must be charged for making any change that is court ordered . . . ". We again need to add administrative . The sentence would read, "making any change that is court ordered, administrative, or that is a recision
- ✓ 3) On Page 3, in the fourth paragraph, it states " Currently, following a paternity action in which a court determines that a man is not the father of a child, the courts must notify the state registrar to remove the man's name as the child's father from the birth certificate. The bill authorizes the county child support agency also to so notify the state registrar. This paragraph implies it is only okay for child supports to notify if a father is removed. The intended language is very clear in Section 19 of this document. The intent is to allow child support offices to report "paternity actions" to the state registrar. This would include adding and removing father's.
- ✓ 4) In Section 38 it allows customers to buy one certified copy for \$10.00 and any additional certified copies for \$3.00. This is fine.
In Section 39 it only references buying any uncertified copy for \$10.00. It does not reference buying additional uncertified copies for \$3.00.
Customers can buy additional copies of either certified or uncertified, so section 39 needs to be revised to include the additional copy fee.
- ✓ 5) Sections 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 all reference the dollar amounts for issuing vital records. Maybe it's already in the current language and doesn't need to be repeated in this document, but I just want to make sure the dollar amounts for changing or creating vital records in the following sections list:
Section 43 = \$10.00
Section 44 = \$10.00
Section 45 = \$20.00
- ✓ 6) My final request is regarding the effective date in the increase of fees. I'm not sure where or how this would get added to this paper, but I would like to propose a 30 day delay from the date this bill is effective to require collection of the fee increases. This would allow all vital records offices to update, print and distribute applications, forms, fee schedules, internet sites revisions; etc.

Thanks so much for assisting us, and allowing us the opportunity to review this document. Give me a call if you have any questions.

>>> Ellen Hadidian 12/05/00 07:31AM >>>

Attached is the LRB draft of our stat language request. Could you all look it over and get your comments back to me by early next week if possible. Peggy, please note the drafter comment. thanks folks

12/18/00 From Sue Jablonsky:

✓ 69.22(1)(a) Should be \$7 and \$3

✓ (b) Should be \$7 and \$3

✓ (c) Should be \$12

✓ (d) Should be \$10

✓ 69.22(2) Should be \$7