



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-0172/1	Introduction Number	AB-0017	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Restoration of information from an original birth certificate after adoption					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, when a person is adopted the state registrar prepares a new birth certificate unless the adoptive parents or the person being adopted objects. The new birth certificate contains the names and other personal information of the adoptive parents. When the new certificate is issued, the original is impounded and may only be accessed with a court order or the permission of the biological parents.

This bill allows an adult who has been adopted to petition the court to prepare a new birth certificate. The new certificate would contain information regarding the adopted person's biological parents. A new certificate would be issued only if all of the following conditions are met: the adopted person did not have the opportunity to request that a new birth certificate not be prepared at the time of adoption; the adopted person knows the identity of each birth parent named on the original certificate; and the biological parents do not object to their inclusion on a new birth certificate.

A new birth certificate issued under the bill does not affect the legal relationship between the adoptive parents and the adoptee. Further, this bill does not restore any of the legal rights or legal relationship that was terminated at the time of adoption.

While the Department of Children and Families works with adoptive parents and adopted children, this bill places no new requirements on the Department. Therefore, the bill has no fiscal effect on the Department or to county child welfare agencies.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications