## DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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## Senator Erpenbach:

As drafted, a legal custodian or guardian of the subject of a birth certificate may not obtain a certified copy of the subject's birth certificate. This means that the legal guardian of a minor who does not have a parent will have to go to court to get the child's birth certificate. Similarly, a legal guardian of an incapacitated person would also have to go to court in order to obtain a birth certificate for a person under a guardianship if the person's parents are unavailable. If this is not consistent with your intent, please contact me.

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