

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3197H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 2250  
Subject: Vital Statistics; Civil Rights  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to birth certificates.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>  |                   |                |                |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                 | <b>FY 2023</b>    | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> |
| General Revenue                                      | (\$30,780)        | \$0            | \$0            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b> | <b>(\$30,780)</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2023</b> | <b>FY 2024</b> | <b>FY 2025</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §193.085 – Birth certificates

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §193.085 of the proposed legislation would enable parents on a birth certificate be identified without a gender designation and without using the terms “mother” or “father.”

The Bureau of Vital Records currently has two different versions of a birth certificate that could be issued. The original, long-form copy, also known as a Certificate of Live Birth, and an abstract, short-form copy, also known as a Birth Certification. The abstract, short-form version is usually what is requested. The abstract version of the birth certificate was updated in the past year to be pre-printed with the terms of “mother/co-parent” and “father/co-parent” and be available for printing at the local level. Currently, a long-form version of the Certificate of Live Birth with the terms “co-parent” is available as well from the state Vital Records office.

The term co-parent is used as a placeholder because there is the possibility that up to two parents could be listed on the certificate. If the parent is a single-parent, the term co-parent would still apply and the other parental field would be termed co-parent, but remain blank.

The birth certificate does not include the sex or gender of the parent. The certificates use the terms “mother/co-parent” and “father/co-parent” and parental terms such as “parent” cannot be mixed because they are not editable at the time of issuance. To make these terms editable would require changes to the multiple software systems utilized by the bureau, which would require ITSD assistance.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA), ITSD/DHSS** state their estimate includes the cost to modify the Vital Records mainframe system utilizing ITSD staff. The MoEVR contractor (Mantech) indicated any changes needed to MoEVR would be covered under existing maintenance agreement.

It is assumed it will take a total of 324 hours @ \$95 per hour (current contracted consultant rate) to make the necessary system changes or \$30,780 in FY 2023 (General Revenue). It is further assumed that any new IT program/system will be bid out as all ITSD resources are at full capacity.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect ITSD/DHSS’ fiscal impact for this proposal.

Officials from the **Newton County Health Department** and the **St. Louis County Health Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies and hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>                 | FY 2023<br>(10 Mo.)      | FY 2024           | FY 2025           |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                          |                   |                   |
| <b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>                             |                          |                   |                   |
|   |                          |                   |                   |
| <u>Costs</u> – OA-ITSD/DSS (\$193.085) – system updates | (\$30,780)               | \$0               | \$0               |
|   |                          |                   |                   |
| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b> | <b><u>(\$30,780)</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2023<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2024           | FY 2025           |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                     |                   |                   |
| <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>                 | <b><u>\$0</u></b>   | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

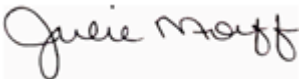
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill modifies provisions relating to issuing a certificate of birth by allowing any parent to be designated as the parent on the birth certificate without a gender designation. A parent who makes such choice shall be identified by the term "parent" on the birth certificate and shall not be identified by the use of the term "mother" or "father".

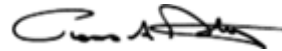
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services  
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