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Bill Analysis

SB 208 modifies birth certificates as it relates to naming the father of the child. The measure removes the requirement for the husband to be married to the mother at the time of conception and adds language providing for the husband to be placed on the certificate as the father if the mother and husband were married any time during the 300 calendar days preceding the birth. The measure also directs the State Commissioner of Health to authorize the secure electronic transmission of any birth, death, paternity or adoption data and other documents or information necessary to comply with the Uniform Parentage Act or for the purpose of assisting with programs administered by the Department of Human Services. The measure also directs the Commissioner to amend birth certificates involving a child born out of wedlock to reflect the paternity of the child upon receiving such documentation and an acknowledgement of paternity from both parents. The measure prohibits the Department of Human Services from releasing such documents and directs the Department of Health and Department of Human Services to enter into a data sharing agreement.

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