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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4618    Introduced on January 9, 2024  
**Author:** King  
**Subject:** Paternity and Child Support  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** January 22, 2024

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

When the court finds that a putative father is not the father of the child, this bill requires the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) to amend the child's birth certificate to remove the name of the putative father if he is listed as the father of the child on the birth certificate. Further, previous orders establishing child support payment obligations will be revoked. Additionally, if a professional license of the putative father has been revoked for failure to comply with a child support order, this bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to notify the licensing entity within fourteen days that the license is not required to pay under the order for support and to immediately reissue any revoked license.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) as the agency can manage the requirements of this bill within existing appropriations.

The fiscal impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from Judicial and DSS.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 9, 2024**

##### **State Expenditure**

When the court finds that a putative father is not the father of the child, this bill requires BVS to amend the child's birth certificate to remove the name of the putative father if he is listed as the father of the child on the birth certificate. Further, previous orders establishing child support payment obligations will be revoked. Additionally, if a professional license of the putative father has been revoked for failure to comply with a child support order, this bill requires DSS to notify the licensing entity within fourteen days that the license is not required to pay under the order for support and to immediately reissue any revoked license.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** DHEC houses BVS, which is responsible for vital records such as birth certificates. This bill requires BVS to amend a birth certificate to remove the name of the putative father if he is listed as the father of the child on the birth certificate. This bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC as the agency can manage the requirements of this bill within current operations and existing appropriations.

**Judicial.** The fiscal impact of this bill on Judicial is pending, contingent upon a response from Judicial.

**Department of Social Services.** The fiscal impact of the bill on DSS is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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