

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB325S1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Roem

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Vital records; birth certificates; adoption; members of the military.

5. **Summary:** Directs the State Registrar to expedite the issuance of a new birth certificate after receipt of adoption records for a person born in the Commonwealth if at least one adoptive parent is an active duty or retired member of the military or military reserves and (ii) the filer notifies the clerk of court in writing that an adoptive parent has military status as required herein, the clerk of the court decreeing the adoption shall deliver the adoption records and a standardized confirmation of active duty or retired military or military reserves membership of either adoptive parent to the State Registrar no later than five business days after receipt by such clerk of the final decree from the judge who entered such decree.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of the legislation require the State Registrar to expedite the issuance of a new certificate of birth upon receipt of such decree from the clerk of the court. In FY2023, the Office of Vital Records established approximately 1,974 new birth certificates as a result of the adoption of a registrant born in the Commonwealth. The number of new birth certificates established for registrants with at least one adoptive parent that is an active duty or retired member of the military or military services as per the legislation is unknown. Therefore, the total fiscal impact cannot be determined. However, VDH maintains that if the provisions of the bill lead to an appreciable increase in the number of certificates of birth to be expedited, then additional support would be needed. VDH estimates that one position with a salary and fringe benefits of \$83,463 would be sufficient to process the expedited records.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Department of Health.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.