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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5156**

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the legal guardian of a person whose birth is the subject of an acknowledgment of paternity to obtain a certified copy of the acknowledgment.

Existing law restricts access to the acknowledgment to certain parties, including the parents named on the form, the person whose birth is acknowledged if an adult, attorneys representing the person or parent named on the form, and authorized government agencies. By law, the Department of Public Health must maintain a paternity registry, which includes such voluntary acknowledgements and court-ordered adjudications of paternity (CGS § 19a-42a(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27      Nay 0      (03/19/2018)