



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5156

House of Representatives, April 9, 2018

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-42a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2018*):

4 (b) Except for the IV-D agency, as provided in subsection (a) of this
5 section, the department shall restrict access to and issuance of certified
6 copies of acknowledgments of paternity to the following parties: (1)
7 Parents named on the acknowledgment of paternity; (2) the person
8 whose birth is acknowledged, if such person is [over] eighteen years of
9 age or older; (3) a guardian of the person whose birth is
10 acknowledged; (4) an authorized representative of the Department of
11 Social Services; [(4)] (5) an attorney representing such person or a
12 parent named on the acknowledgment; or [(5)] (6) agents of a state or
13 federal agency, as approved by the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	19a-42a(b)

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which 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, results in a potential minimal revenue gain to the General Fund annually. The Department of Public Health's State Registrar of Vital Records collects \$30 per certified copy of an acknowledgement of paternity form.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of legal guardians of a person whose birth is the subject of an acknowledgment of paternity that obtain a certified copy of the acknowledgment for \$30.

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)