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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH  
CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>	<b>FY 21 \$</b>
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	2,275	2,275

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>	<b>FY 21 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	5,395	5,395

### ***Explanation***

The bill, which expands access to uncertified copies of original birth certificates to adults adopted prior to 10/1/83 by allowing them to obtain copies from municipal registrars of vital statistics, results in an annual General Fund (GF) revenue loss of approximately \$2,275 and an annual municipal revenue gain of \$5,395. The municipal revenue gain is anticipated to be distributed across the 169 Connecticut municipalities.

Current law provides access to uncertified copies of adoptees' original birth certificates only to adoptees whose adoptions were finalized on or after 10/1/83, and only through the Department of Public Health's Office of Vital Statistics for a fee of \$65 per copy. There

were 35 requests for such copies in 2017,<sup>1</sup> resulting in a GF revenue gain of \$2,275. Going forward under the bill, these requests are anticipated to be made of municipal registrars of vital statistics. Of the 43,903 adults adopted prior to 10/1/83, it is anticipated that 48 will make requests for uncertified copies of their original birth certificates annually, resulting in a municipal revenue gain of \$3,120. These two changes combined result in a total anticipated municipal revenue gain of approximately \$5,395 annually from 83 requests.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of uncertified copies of original birth certificates issued by municipal registrars of vital statistics.

*Sources: Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics*

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<sup>1</sup>This is approximately 0.1% of the total population of individuals adopted between 10/1/83 and the present (32,220).