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Senate Bill 1143 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Burton Leland

Committee: Appropriations

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to increase vital records fees paid by those who seek copies of vital records from the Department of Community Health. Vital records include birth, death, marriage, divorce, and acknowledgement of paternity records. Fees are charged for copies of records, for searches to find records, and for the creation of new vital records after an adoption or an acknowledgement of paternity. Individuals also have the option of searching for records at local county offices, which charge their own set of fees.

The current fee for a general search is \$15. That fee would be increased to \$26 under the bill. The fee for an authenticated copy would be increased from \$18 to \$29. The fee for establishment of a delayed certificate of birth or death would be increased from \$30 to \$40. The fee for each additional copy of a record would be increased from \$5 to \$12. Fees for searches of additional years for a specific record and other services also would be increased.

Passage of the bill would make the vital records program in the Department of Community Health self-financing, with no need for State GF/GP dollars to support the program.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2004-05 Department of Community Health budget assumed passage of Senate Bill 1143 and the assumed estimated vital records fee revenue increase was \$1,741,800. The current estimated collection is \$2,796,200, so the total estimated vital records fees collected if Senate Bill 1143 were adopted would be \$4,538,000.

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