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House Bill 4258 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Require the State Registrar (the person who administers the State's system of vital statistics) to issue an heirloom birth certificate, upon request and payment of a fee.
- Require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to promulgate rules establishing the fee and include an amount above the actual cost, for deposit into the Children's Trust Fund.
- Require the State Registrar to establish procedures allowing the purchase of a gift card or certificate that could be redeemed for an heirloom birth certificate.
- Require the DCH to market and promote heirloom birth certificates.

An heirloom birth certificate would not be an official record of birth and it would not be the active birth certificate of the individual whose name appeared on the document.

The proposed section of the Code could be referred to as the "Pam Posthumus Law".

Proposed MCL 333.2882a

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would establish a fee to cover the cost of issuing an heirloom birth certificate. The bill would require the fee to exceed the actual cost of creating the certificate and the excess revenue to be deposited in the Children's Trust Fund. The net fiscal impact would be an indeterminate increase in available revenue in the Children's Trust Fund.

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