

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 208
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

Engrossed SB 208 modifies procedure related to declaring the father on a birth certificate to include that the name of the husband be entered on the birth certificate if married at the time of birth or married any time during the 300 days before the birth. If the mother was not married at the time of birth or any time 300 days before the birth, the name of the father will show up if both the mother and father have signed an acknowledgement of paternity.

The measure deletes the requirement that the State Registrar of Vital Statistics provide information to the Department of Human Services. Instead, the State Commissioner of Health shall authorize the secure electronic commission of information necessary to comply with the Uniform Parentage Act or for the purpose of assisting with Department of Human Services programs. The Department of Human Services shall not release this information in response to an Open Records Act request and shall protect the integrity of the vital records data. For the purpose of implementation, DHS and the State Department of Health shall enter into a data sharing agreement. This measure also changes the oversight entity for birth certificate matters from the State Board of Health to the State Commissioner of Health. If a child is born out of wedlock, the commissioner will amend the birth certificate to show paternity upon receipt of an electronic record from the Department of Human Services indicating an acknowledgement of paternity has been signed by both parents. The Commissioner shall also change the child's surname upon receipt of an electronic record indicating that both parents have signed an acknowledgement of paternity.

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Fiscal Analysis

Per the Department of Human Services: No Impact

Per the Oklahoma State Department of Health: It will make what is now required by law to be a paper handling process electronic. The functionality is already there so it won't require OMES to do much if anything. Ultimately it should save us some staff time copying and mailing orders.

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Other Considerations

None.

