

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB1688 |
| Version: | POLREC |
| Request Number: | 12912 |
| Author: | Rep. Roe |
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| Impact: | \$0 |

Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation for HB 1688 adds a definition of minor correction to a section of statute that deals with vital records. The measure requires birth certificates and death certificates to be filed with the Commissioner of Health rather than the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. The measure also requires that if there is a refusal to identify paternity on the birth certificate, the State Department of Health is authorized to register a birth certificate as such. The measure specifies that methods for acknowledging paternity on a birth certificate will give the unmarried mother and biological father equal rights and obligations to the child. The measure also requires that birth certificates be marked as "amended" for minor corrections made one year after birth and gives up to one year for minor corrections to be made to a death certificate provided the request is made in writing or through an electronic system.

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Fiscal Analysis

The policy recommendation to HB 1688 revises and updates statutory references related to the collection and oversight of vital records, removing mention of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and updating to the Commissioner of Health and the Department of Health. The State Department of Health confirmed the provisions of this measure will not have a negative impact on the agency's budget, thus having no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.