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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 521** SLS 10RS 997

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Health and Hospitals	<b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas
<b>Subject:</b> New Birth Certificates for Adopted Children	

VITAL STATISTICS

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Provides for the issuance of new birth records for adopted children. (gov sig)

Present law provides that upon receipt of a certified copy of an adoption decree, the state registrar of vital records shall make a new birth certificate showing the name of the adoptive parent or parents. Proposed law retains present law but limits the issuance of a new birth certificate only to an adoptive parent or parents that would qualify as a petitioner or petitioners in Louisiana pursuant to Children's Code Article 1198 or 1221. Proposed law provides that when the registrar of vitals records determines that the adoptive parent or parents would not qualify, the registrar shall send a certified copy of the original birth certificate and the application for the birth certificate to the state in which the child was adopted. Present law provides that a person born in a foreign country who is adopted in the state of Louisiana, but who is not a U.S. citizen or a naturalized U.S. citizen, the adoptive parent or parents may obtain a new birth certificate if they are residents of the state. Proposed law retains present law but limits the issuance of new birth certificates only to an adoptive parent or parents what would qualify as a petitioner or petitioners in Louisiana pursuant to Children's Code Article 1198 or 1221.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. This legislation does the following: (1) limits the issuance of new birth certificates for adopted children only to an adoptive parent or parents that would qualify to adopt in Louisiana pursuant to Children's Code Article 1198 or 1221; (2) requires the registrar of vital records in the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health (OPH) to verify that the adoptive parent or parents would not qualify to adopt in Louisiana; and (3) requires the registrar to send the application and birth certificate back to the state in which the child was adopted. OPH does not anticipate any increase in workload associated with this legislation as the state registrar of vital records currently sends notifications to the adoptive parent or parents in the event their adoption does not qualify in Louisiana pursuant to Children's Code 1198 and 1221.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate                      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House  
 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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