

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6003

BILL NUMBER: HB 1148

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2025

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Confidentiality of Birth and Stillbirth Records.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a registration or certificate of a birth or stillbirth is open to public inspection and copying upon the request of any person that occurs 99 years (instead of 75 years) after the record is created.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) could experience a minor reduction in administrative workload if the bill results in fewer vital records search requests. [*The IDOH's administrative expenditures are currently paid from the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund, a dedicated fund.*]

Explanation of State Revenues: There could be a minor reduction in state General Fund revenue from vital records search fees collected as a result of the bill. The IDOH charges \$8 for a vital records search and \$2 for a birth certificate records search, for a total of \$10 for each search. An additional \$4 fee is collected if a copy of the record is purchased.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local health departments could experience a minor reduction in administrative workload relating to birth records search requests.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local health departments could experience a minor reduction in revenue from local vital records search fees.

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health departments.

Information Sources: Legislative Services Agency, *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, FY 2023.

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