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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7130

BILL NUMBER: SB 268

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Expiration of Contact Preference Forms.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Young M

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Steuerwald

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows the contact preference form of a birth parent to expire on the birth parent's death. It eliminates the use of contact preference forms for adoptions finalized after June 30, 2021.

The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill will have indeterminate workload impact for the state registrar (in the Indiana State Department of Health) to provide records. For children adopted before July 1, 2021, the death of a birth parent would cause expiration of a preference for records disclosure to an adopted child, which may result in some workload reduction to determine if records can be disclosed. The bill may potentially increase the number of adopted children who seek records or the number of requests that will be fulfilled for all adoptees. Any change is expected to be within the agency's resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Registrar, Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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