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Bill Number:	S. 0623	Introduced on March 14, 2023
Author:	Verdin	
Subject:	Vital Statistics – Changes to Birth Certificates	
Requestor:	Senate Medical Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith and Gardner	
Impact Date:	March 30, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill defines the term “gender” and specifies that a gender change on a birth certificate may be made either to correct a clerical error in recording the gender or may be made due to an individual being born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development, if made within twelve months of the date of birth.

Currently, a petition may be filed in the South Carolina family court of petitioner’s residence for an order establishing a record of the gender at birth and gender changes of the person whose birth is sought to be registered by way of a Delayed Certificate of Birth Established by Court Order. The bill will have no expenditure impact on Judicial since the bill requires activities that will be conducted in the normal course of business.

The expenditure impact of the bill on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is pending, contingent upon clarification on how the bill will be promulgated.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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Judicial. A petition may be filed in the South Carolina family court of petitioner’s residence for an order establishing a record of the gender at birth and gender changes of the person whose birth is sought to be registered by way of a Delayed Certificate of Birth Established by Court Order. This bill may increase the number of persons who may file such a petition. However, Judicial indicates that the bill requires activities that will be conducted in the normal course of business. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact on Judicial.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC is the agency responsible for issuing and housing birth certificates. At this time, DHEC is unable to estimate the expenditure

impact of the bill as the agency needs more clarification on how the bill will be promulgated. Therefore, the expenditure impact of the bill on DHEC is pending.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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