

HOUSE BILL 475

Introduced by Brooke, et al.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0475, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: This bill establishes an additional fee for certified copies of birth certificates, and uses this fee for child abuse and neglect prevention programs.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The estimate of new certified birth certificates is 16,000 based on the FY92 actual issued by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES) ($\$25 \times 16,000 = \$400,000$). The fee collected would be forwarded by each county clerk to the state and deposited in the state special fund (i.e. Children's Trust Fund).
2. A certified birth certificate must be on file for each child committed to Department of Family Services (DFS) custody. DFS is currently responsible for furnishing these birth certificates. The estimated expense of \$121,500 to the program is based on FY92 actual of 4,860 children committed to the DFS ($4,860 \times \$25 = \$121,500$). This expense would come from general fund.
3. The revenue from the 4,860 birth certificate purchased by the DFS would be deposited in the state special revenue fund.
4. No additional fee would be charged for birth certificates needed to determine Medicaid eligibility. (Of the 4,860 children in DFS custody, it is not possible to determine how many would not be charged due to determining Medicaid eligibility. Therefore, zero is assumed.)
5. Total revenue cannot be estimated. From #1 and #2 above it would be \$400,000 per year (low estimate). County clerk and recorders do not keep track of fee revenues by type. A survey of Lewis and Clark, Yellowstone and Cascade counties, indicates an estimate of 4% of the state population requesting certified copies of birth certificates is reasonable, which would translate to \$800,000 in annual revenue ($800,000 \times 4\% \times \25 -- high estimate).
6. Private and nonprofit community services would increase in accordance with 41-3-701, MCA.

FISCAL IMPACT:**Expenditures:**

	FY 94			FY 95		
	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference	Current Law	Proposed Law	Difference
Operating Costs	4,184	125,684	121,500	4,301	125,801	121,500
Benefits	<u>55,000</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Total	59,184	580,684	521,500	59,301	580,801	521,500

Funding:

General Fund	0	121,500	121,500	0	121,500	121,500
State Special	53,751	453,751	400,000	53,868	453,868	400,000
Federal Special	<u>5,433</u>	<u>5,433</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,433</u>	<u>5,433</u>	<u>0</u>
	59,184	580,684	521,500	59,301	580,801	521,500

Revenue:

State Special (Low)	0	400,000	400,000	0	400,000	400,000
State Special (High)	0	800,000	800,000	0	800,000	800,000

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