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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 4834	Introduced on January 20, 2021
<b>Author:</b>	Bernstein	
<b>Subject:</b>	Birth Certificate, Certified Copy	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Griffith and Boggs	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	January 31, 2022	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill allows the Department of Social Services (DSS) to obtain certified copies of a birth certificate from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) without court orders or other third-party records, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement entered into between the two departments. Both DSS and DHEC indicate that while there may be a small reduction in expenses for office supplies and postage, those savings will be minimal. Therefore, there is no impact to General Fund expenditures.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 20, 2022**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill allows DSS to obtain certified copies of a birth certificate from DHEC without court orders or other third-party records, pursuant to the terms of a written agreement entered into between the two departments.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** DHEC indicates that while the number of birth certificate requests will remain relatively the same, the agreement with DSS will optimize the agency's processes but should not significantly reduce expenses. Therefore, there will be no impact to General Fund expenditures.

**Department of Social Services.** This bill eliminates the agency's documentation requirement during the request process, which may result in minimal savings from staff time, office supply costs, and postage associated with the several hundred requests per year that will be reallocated within the program. Therefore, the bill will have no impact to General Fund expenditures.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

#### **Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A

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