

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: March 25, 2014

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: Expanding the criteria for the existing Free Birth Certificate Program to include individuals ages 15-21 who need to obtain a birth certificate for employment seeking purposes.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
 - A. Approval of this resolution would expand the qualifying criteria for the existing Free Birth Certificate Program to include individuals between the ages of 15-21 who require a birth certificate for securing job opportunities. The resolution outlines how the current program, which was established in the 2012 Adopted Budget, was implemented to give 5,000 free birth certificates only to those individuals that need to obtain photo identification for voting purposes in order to avoid potential obstructions resulting from proposed Voter ID legislation. Because the program has not yet issued all 5,000 birth certificates, this resolution modifies the program to earmark one-third of the remaining birth certificates to job-seeking youth who can provide verification that said birth certificate is necessary to secure an employment opportunity. Currently, 3,373 birth certificates have yet to be issued.
 - B. The current structure of the program requires applicants to sign a form to certify that they meet the program requirements and provide proof of approval. While existing staff time would be required to develop a new form that would include the criteria for the newly qualifying individuals, no additional funding is necessary in 2014 or 2015.
 - C. Funding for this program was appropriated in the 2012 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$100,000 (5,000 birth certificates at \$20 each), which essentially "pre-paid" for the birth records, allowing the program to carry over into the subsequent years. The State is required to be paid for a portion of each birth record that is supplied by the Register of

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

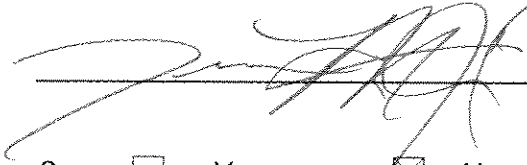
² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

Deeds. This program places the State's portion of each "free" birth certificate into a balance sheet account that is paid to the State at year end, based off of the amount of actual birth certificates given out. Because this newly qualifying group would only utilize the existing resources available for up to one-third of the remaining programmed birth certificates, no additional funding would be required in 2014 or 2015. Once the 5,000 document limit is reached, the program will discontinue unless authorized and funded by County Board action.

- D. It is assumed that this program shall continue until all of the allotted birth certificates have been issued, barring any Federal or Wisconsin State Supreme Court actions that could diminish the relevance of the program, at which point the Register of Deeds may request action by the County Board to either discontinue it, or reprogram all remaining birth certificates to be utilized by youth seeking employment opportunities.

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Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CDBP Review?² Yes No Not Required

