

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB660

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Blevins

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Vital records; records becoming public

5. Summary: Requires records of birth after 100 years have elapsed from the date of birth and records of death, marriage, or divorce after 50 years have elapsed from the date of death, marriage, or divorce, to become public information.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal implications of this legislation are uncertain at this time. The proposed amendment removes any discretion from the State Registrar by substituting the word “shall” for “may”. The State Registrar currently releases these records in approximately 85 percent of these kinds of requests. However, the Registrar is authorized to deny a request and may do so in the case where a foreign entity makes an unusual request, where records are being used in a criminal case or where the subject might have been placed in witness protection.

If passed, this legislation would eliminate that discretion and require the Division of Vital Records to issue more records. However, it is not possible to accurately estimate the number of those requests and to identify the associated costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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