

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB660-ER

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

2. Patron: Blevins

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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 25 years have elapsed from the date of death, marriage, or divorce, to become public information. Such records in the custody of the State Registrar, that are not otherwise precluded from release by statute, court order, or law enforcement request, shall be turned over to the Library of Virginia for safekeeping and public access. The bill also provides for the redaction of social security numbers from publicly available records.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires the State Registrar to enter into a long-term contract with a private company experienced in maintaining genealogical research databases to create, maintain, and update such an online index at no direct cost to the Commonwealth, in exchange for allowing the private company to also provide such index to its subscribers and customers by June 1, 2013. The online vital records shall become publicly available on its website by June 1, 2015. However, if the State Registrar cannot enter into a contract with a private company at no direct cost to the Commonwealth, then the State Registrar cannot carry out the provisions included in this legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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