

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 407

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

**2. Patron:** Toscano, David J.

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Adoption; disclosure of identifying information

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation provides that in cases in which an adult adopted person seeks disclosure of identifying information about his birth parents and consent of the birth parents is not obtainable due to the death or mental incapacity of the birth parents, the Commissioner of Social Services must release the identifying information requested upon a showing of good cause as to why the information should be made available. In cases in which the Commissioner refuses to disclose the information requested, the adult adopted person may apply to the circuit court for an order to disclose the information. Currently, an adult adopted person seeking disclosure of identifying information when his birth parents are unable to consent due to death or mental incapacity must petition the circuit court for release of identifying information.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. No Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation are not expected to have any significant fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.

**Date:** 1/21/14