

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1688
Version:	POLPCS1
Request Number:	12203
Author:	Rep. Roe
Date:	2/4/2025
Impact:	\$0

Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 1688 adds that birth certificates must not be amended for surgical or medical transitioning, or to adhere to self-identification with a sex that does not match the individual's biological sex.

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 1688 changes mentions of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to the Commissioner of Health and the Department of Health. The measure adds a definition of minor correction which means the correction or amendment of a scrivener's errors, transposition of letters in common names or words, or the omission of biological information. If there is a refusal to identify paternity, the measure authorizes the State Department of Health to acknowledge this on the birth certificate. The measure provides that a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian may request minor corrections to a birth certificate within one year by submitting the request to the Department using a form the Department prescribes. Such minor corrections may be made without considering the certificate amended. For minor corrections after a year after birth a designated person may request minor corrections by filing a petition with the Commissioner of Health in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. Birth certificates must not be amended for surgical or medical transitioning or to adhere to an individual's self-identification to a sex other than their biological sex. The measure prescribes the same processes to death certificate and fetal death certificates. The measure removes the existing language that gave 60 days to make minor corrections to a death certificate. Additionally, the measure states that a biological sex designation denoted to a child at birth must not be amended except as previously determined in the measure.

Prepared By: Suzie Nahach

Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 1688 revises and updates statutory references related to the collection and oversight of vital records, removing mention of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and updating to the Commissioner of Health and the Department of Health. The State Department of Health confirmed the provisions of this measure will not have a negative impact on the agency's budget, thus having no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

Prepared By: Alexandra Ladner, House Fiscal Staff

Other Considerations

None.

