

As Introduced

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A BILL

To enact section 2303.081 of the Revised Code to 1
require the clerk of court, in domestic 2
relations cases in which proof of a child's 3
birth is required to be included in a pleading, 4
to access the electronic system of vital records 5
of the State Registrar or Department of Health 6
and issue a certification of birth to the party 7
applying for such certification upon payment of 8
the required fees. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2303.081 of the Revised Code be 10
enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 2303.081. (A) As used in this section: 12

(1) "Birth record" and "certification of birth" have the 13
same meanings as in section 3705.01 of the Revised Code. 14

(2) "Domestic relations case" includes any action or 15
proceeding for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, 16
legal separation, allocation of parental rights and 17
responsibilities for the care of a child, custody or support of 18
a child, companionship or visitation rights with respect to a 19

child, adoption, or determination of a parent and child 20
relationship. 21

(B) If proof of a child's birth is required to be included 22
in a pleading or paper of a party in a domestic relations case 23
filed in the court of common pleas and the child's birth record 24
has not ceased to be a public record, the clerk of court, on 25
receipt of a signed application for a certification of birth and 26
the fee specified in division (C) of this section, shall access 27
from the appropriate electronic system of vital records the 28
state registrar or department of health maintains, and issue to 29
the applicant, the child's certification of birth. The 30
certification of birth shall contain at least the name, sex, 31
date of birth, registration date, and place of the birth of the 32
child to whose birth the record attests and shall attest that 33
the child's birth has been registered. 34

A certification of birth issued under this division shall 35
be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in it in all courts 36
and places. 37

(C) The fee for a certification of birth issued under this 38
section shall not be less than the fee prescribed for the same 39
service under division (A) (1) (a) of section 3705.24 of the 40
Revised Code and shall include both of the following: 41

(1) A five-dollar fee to be forwarded to the department of 42
health and deposited pursuant to the same procedures specified 43
in division (B) of section 3705.24 of the Revised Code. 44

(2) A three-dollar fee to be forwarded to the department 45
of health and deposited pursuant to the same procedures 46
specified in divisions (B) and (C) of section 3109.14 of the 47
Revised Code. 48