

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Presumption and conclusive determination of paternity on basis of genetic test results and orders that may be granted on the basis of genetic test results					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law contains provisions relating to the adjudication of a child's father in a paternity action. Voluntary acknowledgements of paternity are also allowed in current law. AB 42 creates a provision that allows for conclusive determination of paternity through DNA testing, provided certain conditions are met.

Under current law, the State Registrar in the Department's Vital Records Office is required to make changes to birth certificates when the Registrar receives an order that either establishes paternity or determines that the man whose name appears on a registrant's birth certificate is not the father of the registrant. AB 42 requires the Department to make the same changes to birth certificates when it receives a report showing conclusive determination of paternity under the criteria established in the bill. This requirement will not have a fiscal effect on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications