

**Subject** Issuance of birth records and identification cards to homeless youth

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### Overview

This bill establishes procedures for homeless youth to obtain a certified birth record or a Minnesota identification card without paying fees or surcharges, and establishes documentation requirements that homeless youth may satisfy in order to obtain a certified birth record or identification card.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Homeless youth.</b> Adds subd. 12 to § 144.212. Adds a definition of homeless youth to definitions that apply to vital records sections.
2	<b>Data about births.</b> Amends § 144.225, subd. 2. Under current law, data on the birth of a child born to a woman not married to the child's father when the child was conceived or born is classified as confidential data but may be disclosed to certain persons, including to the child if the child is 16 or older. This section allows this data to be disclosed to the child if the child is homeless youth, and does not require the homeless youth to be 16 or older.
3	<b>Certified birth or death records.</b> Amends § 144.225, subd. 7. Adds a cross-reference to section 144.2255, to exempt homeless youth from being required to pay the required fees to obtain a certified birth record.
4	<b>Certified birth record for homeless youth.</b> Adds § 144.2255. Establishes procedures and documentation requirements for a homeless youth to obtain a certified birth record.

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**Subd. 1. Application; certified birth record.** Allows a subject of a birth record who is a homeless youth in this or another state to apply to the state registrar or a local issuance office for a certified birth record. Lists what a homeless youth must submit to the state registrar or local issuance office.

**Subd. 2. Statement verifying subject is a homeless youth.** If a homeless youth submits a statement from another individual to verify that the youth is a homeless youth, lists information that must be included in the statement, and requires the individual providing the statement to also provide a copy of the individual's employment identification.

**Subd. 3. Expiration; reissuance.** If a subject of a birth record obtains a birth record in part using a statement from another individual to verify that the subject is a homeless youth, makes the birth record expire 6 months after issuance. Allows the subject of such a birth record to surrender the expired record to the state registrar or local issuance office and obtain another birth record. Provides that all birth records obtained under this subdivision expire 6 months after issuance. If the subject does not surrender the expired birth record, requires the subject to apply for a certified record according to subdivision 1.

**Subd. 4. Fees waived.** Prohibits the state registrar or local issuance office from charging a fee to a homeless youth for issuing a certified birth record or statement of no vital record found under this section.

**Subd. 5. Data practices.** Classifies as private data on individuals, a statement from the subject of the birth record that he or she is a homeless youth, and a statement from another individual verifying that the subject of the birth record is a homeless youth.

Makes this section effective the day following final enactment for applications for and the issuance of certified birth records on or after January 1, 2022.

5 **Birth record fees waived for homeless youth.**

Adds subd. 7 to § 144.226. Amends a section governing fees for the issuance of vital records to exempt a homeless youth from payment of any fees required under this section to obtain a certified birth record or statement of no record found.

6 **Identification card for homeless youth.**

Adds subd. 3b to § 171.07. Authorizes a homeless youth to obtain a Minnesota identification card without paying transaction or filing fees. Sets documentation requirements that apply instead of administrative rules requiring proof of identity, Minnesota residency, and lawful presence in the United States.

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Makes this section effective the day following final enactment for identification card issuances starting January 1, 2022.

**7 Appropriations.**

Paragraph (a) makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for issuance of certified birth records to homeless youth.

Paragraph (b) makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for issuance of identification cards to homeless youth. Makes the appropriation available until June 30, 2024, and specifies that this is a onetime appropriation.



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