

SB1876



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Lakesia Collins

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 535/25.4

Amends the Vital Records Act. Provides that the State Registrar of Vital Records, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services, shall establish standards and procedures for youth in care, former youth in care, and the legal guardians of youth in care to request the birth record of the youth in care when the applicant does not have all of the information necessary to complete the application for a new certificate of birth, a search for a birth record, or a certified copy of a birth record.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
5 Section 25.4 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 535/25.4)

7 Sec. 25.4. Youth in care birth record request.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section, an individual's
9 status as a youth in care may be verified:

10 (1) with a copy of the court order placing the youth in
11 the guardianship or custody of the Department of Children
12 and Family Services or terminating the Department of
13 Children and Family Services' guardianship or custody of
14 the youth; or

15 (2) by a human services agency, legal services agency,
16 or other similar agency that has knowledge of the
17 individual's youth in care status, including, but not
18 limited to:

19 (A) a child welfare agency, including the
20 Department of Children and Family Services; or

21 (B) the attorney or guardian ad litem who served
22 as the youth in care's attorney or guardian ad litem
23 during proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of

1 1987.

2 A person described in subsection (b) of this Section must
3 not be charged for verification under this Section.

4 A person who knowingly or purposefully falsifies this
5 verification is subject to a penalty of \$100.

6 (b) The applicable fees under Section 17 for a new
7 certificate of birth and under Section 25 of this Act for a
8 search for a birth record or a certified copy of a birth record
9 shall be waived for all requests made by:

10 (1) a youth in care, as defined in Section 4d of the
11 Children and Family Services Act, whose status is verified
12 under subsection (a) of this Section; or

13 (2) a person under the age of 27 who was a youth in
14 care, as defined in Section 4d of the Children and Family
15 Services Act, on or after his or her 18th birthday and
16 whose status is verified under subsection (a) of this
17 Section.

18 The State Registrar of Vital Records shall establish
19 standards and procedures consistent with this Section for
20 waiver of the applicable fees. The State Registrar of Vital
21 Records, in conjunction with the Department of Children and
22 Family Services, shall establish standards and procedures for
23 youth in care, former youth in care, and the legal guardians of
24 youth in care to request the birth record of the youth in care
25 when the applicant does not have all of the information
26 necessary to complete the application for a new certificate of

1 birth, a search for a birth record, or a certified copy of a
2 birth record.

3 (c) A person shall be provided no more than 4 birth records
4 annually under this Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-1141, eff. 7-1-23.)