

SENATE, No. 1534

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SYNOPSIS

Requires collection of additional fee on request for certified copy of newborn's original birth record for support of certain activities by public cord blood bank.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning birth certificates and supplementing Title 26 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the fee for issuing the initial certified copy of
8 the original birth record of a newborn in this State, the local
9 registrar or the Department of Health and Senior Services, as
10 appropriate, shall collect a \$5 fee from the person requesting the
11 certified copy and forward the collected fees on a quarterly basis to
12 the Department of the Treasury.

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14 2. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
15 nonlapsing revolving fund to be known as the "New Jersey Public
16 Cord Blood Bank Fund." This fund shall be the repository for
17 moneys collected pursuant to section 1 of this act. The moneys
18 from the fund shall be used for the purpose of supporting the
19 activities of the State-designated public cord blood bank in
20 collecting and storing umbilical cord blood for public use.

21 b. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the fund and all
22 disbursements from the fund shall be made by the State Treasurer
23 upon vouchers signed by the Commissioner of Health and Senior
24 Services, or the commissioner's designee. The moneys in the fund
25 shall be invested and reinvested by the Director of the Division of
26 Investment in the Department of the Treasury as are other trust
27 funds in the custody of the State Treasurer in the manner provided
28 by law. Interest received on the moneys in the fund shall be
29 credited to the fund.

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31 3. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
32 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Commissioner of Health and Senior
33 Services shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement
34 the provisions of this act.

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36 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
37 month next following the date of enactment and shall apply to
38 initial certified copies of original birth records issued on or after
39 that date, but the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services may
40 take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as
41 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides that the Department of Health and Senior
47 Services, or local registrar, as appropriate, would collect, in
48 addition to the \$25 fee for issuing the initial certified copy of the

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1 original birth record of a newborn in this State, a \$5 fee that would
2 be deposited in a nonlapsing revolving fund, to be known as the
3 "New Jersey Public Cord Blood Bank Fund." The moneys in the
4 fund would be used for the purpose of supporting the State-
5 designated public cord blood bank in collecting and storing
6 umbilical cord blood for public use.

7 The New Jersey Cord Blood Bank (NJCBB) at Community
8 Blood Services, which is a nonprofit organization, is the State-
9 designated public cord blood bank. NJCBB allows for donation of
10 a newborn's umbilical cord blood so that its stem cells can be used
11 by a child or adult suffering from cancer or other life-threatening
12 diseases. There is no charge to donate to this nonprofit public bank.
13 NJCBB accepts umbilical cord blood from newborns delivered at
14 over 25 hospitals throughout the State.