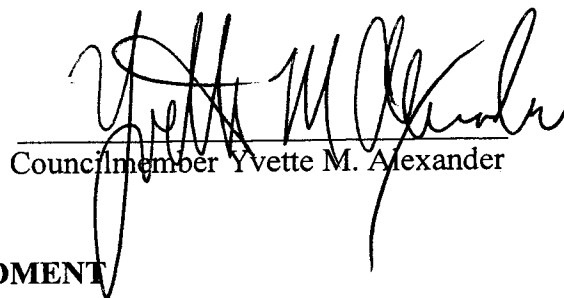

Councilmember Tommy Wells


Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

AN AMENDMENT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DATE: June 26, 2013

Offered By: Councilmembers Yvette M. Alexander and Tommy Wells

Title: B20-142, the "JaParker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Amendment Act of 2013"

Version: ☐ Introduced
☐ Draft Committee Print
☐ Committee Print
☒ First Reading
☐ Amended First Reading
☐ Engrossed
☐ Enrolled
☐ Unidentified

Section 2 is amended as follows:

Page 1, Line 23: Add a new subsection (a) to read as follows.:

“(a) Section 6 (D.C. Official Code § 7-205) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) (1) Either of the parents of the child, or other informant, shall confirm with his or her signature the accuracy of the personal data entered on the certificate before the certificate is filed.

“(2) Any institutional error regarding the personal data on the certificate may be corrected within 180 days of issuance, and:

“(A) A new certificate shall be issued;

“(B) The new certificate shall not be marked

amended; and

“(C) The original, erroneous certificate shall be sealed and made available only upon the demand of the individual to whom the new certificate of birth was issued or an order of the Court.”.

Redesignate existing subsections correspondingly.

Rationale for amendment:

To permit changes to birth certificates where there is a bona fide error made on the part of the reporting entity. Currently, any changes to birth certificates will be marked as amended, even when the change is due to the fault of the reporting entity.

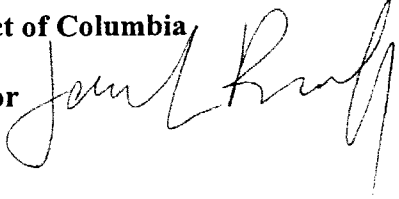
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jennifer Budoff - Budget Director 

DATE: June 25, 2013

SHORT TITLE: B20-142, the "JaParker Deoni Jones Birth Certificate Amendment Act of 2013"

TYPE: Amendment

REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Yvette Alexander

Conclusion

This amendment will not have an adverse impact on the District's budget and financial plan because there is no cost associated with implementing this amendment.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer provided a fiscal estimate for the underlying bill on June 4, 2013, in which the CFO concluded that funds are sufficient to implement the legislation. Because the changes made within this amendment do not change the effect of the underlying measure, that conclusion still holds.

Background

The underlying bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to issue a new birth certificate that designates a new gender for any individual who provides a written request and signed statement from a licensed health-care provider attesting that he or she has undergone a gender transition. This amendment requires that 1) the individual's parent or informant confirm the accuracy of the personal data entered by the individual making the request; and 2) DOH corrects bona fide errors and re-issue a new birth certificate with the correct information.

As per the fiscal impact statement for the underlying bill, funds are sufficient in the FY2013 budget and the FY2014 through FY2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOH can cover administrative costs using existing resources.