



SENATE BILL 503: A More Efficient Office of Vital Records.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 503 would require the Office of Vital Records and local register of deeds offices to process birth and death certificate amendments requests within 30 days after receipt of the completed application, required proof, and payment of the applicable fee. Except in certain circumstances, the bill would forbid telework by employees of the Office of Vital Records.*

CURRENT LAW: An amendment is required to change or alter a death or birth certificate after it has been accepted for registration by the State Registrar. Administrative rules determine the form of requests for an amendment and the type and amount of proof required. The fee for an amendment is limited to fifteen dollars by statute.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would require the Office of Vital Records and local register of deeds offices to process birth or death certificate amendment requests within 30 days of receiving the completed application, required proof, and payment of the applicable fee.

The bill would also prohibit permanent and temporary employees of the Office of Vital Records from teleworking. This prohibition would not apply when the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources determines telework is necessary during a statutorily declared disaster or emergency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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