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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3851
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 Subject: Regulation of Birth Centers
 RFA Analyst(s): Stein

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The costs associated with accreditation are borne by the individual birth centers.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

House Bill 3851 amends Chapter 89, Title 44 relating to the licensing of birthing centers. The bill requires all birth centers to be accredited by a birth center accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The bill provides definitions, guidelines, professional staff requirements, criteria, and deadlines for accreditation. The bill requires all births at birth centers to be evaluated by professional staff and requires each center to develop procedures for transferring clients to hospitals.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation report that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Accreditation costs would be borne by the individual birth centers.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A



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