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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2423**

As Agreed to May 5, 2003

Brief *

HB 2423 would implement the Governor's recommendation to fund the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics (CHES) in the Department of Health and Environment entirely through fee funds. Currently, CHES receives a State General Fund appropriation in addition to receipts from certified copies of vital event records.

The current fee structure provides for the receipts for copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates to be divided among four funds: the District Coroner's Fund; the Family and Children Investment Fund; the Vital Statistics Maintenance Fee Fund; and the State General Fund. The table below outlines changes to those transfers proposed in the bill.

District Coroner's Fund	No change
Family and Children Investment Fund	No change
Vital Statistics Maintenance Fee Fund	Fund abolished
State General Fund	Transfer eliminated

The bill would provide that, after the transfers to the District Coroner's Fund and the Family and Children Investment Fund, the balance of the receipts would be transferred into the Civil Registration and Health Statistics Fee Fund. This fund is created by the bill. Expenditures from the fund are to be for operating expenditures of the

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Center for Health and Environmental Statistics and maintenance of the Vital Statistics Integrated Information System.

Background

HB 2423 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee on the recommendation of the Social Services Budget Committee. The Director of the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics testified before the Committee in favor of the bill.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include the requirement that the Department of Health and Environment establish and, if funds are available, implement a birth defects information system.

The Conference Committee removed the provisions of the bill requiring the agency to establish a birth defects registry.