

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2187**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 18966 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to children.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2187, as introduced, Cooley. County children's trust funds.

Existing law requires that specified fees be paid by certain applicants for certified copies of birth certificates. Existing law provides that \$4 of each fee be paid to either a county children's trust fund or to the State Children's Trust Fund, to fund child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs. Existing law requires a county treasurer to transmit moneys collected from birth certificate fees that are for the county children's trust fund and that are collected with respect to the birth certificate of a child whose mother was a resident of another county at the time of the birth to the treasurer of the county of the mother's residence at the time of the birth if the county to receive the funds, among other things, does not have a licensed health facility that provides maternity services within its jurisdiction.

This bill would delete the requirement that the county to receive the funds does not have a licensed health facility that provides maternity services within its jurisdiction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 18966 of the Welfare and Institutions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 18966. (a) When a county board of supervisors designates a  
4 commission pursuant to Section 18965, the board of supervisors  
5 shall establish a county children’s trust fund. The children’s trust  
6 fund shall consist of the fees for birth certificates, collected  
7 pursuant to Section 103625 of the Health and Safety Code, grants,  
8 gifts, or bequests from private sources to be used for child abuse  
9 and neglect prevention and intervention programs, any funds  
10 appropriated by local governmental entities to the trust fund, and  
11 any funds appropriated to the county for the trust fund by the  
12 Legislature. The local registrar or county recorder may, however,  
13 retain a percentage, not to exceed 10 percent, of the surcharge  
14 collectible pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 103625 of the  
15 Health and Safety Code, in order to defray the costs of collection.  
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17 (b) *The* county treasurer shall transmit moneys collected from  
18 birth certificate fees for the county children’s trust fund, pursuant  
19 to subdivision (b) of Section 103625 of the Health and Safety  
20 Code, collected with respect to the birth certificate of a child whose  
21 mother was a resident of another county at the time of the birth to  
22 the treasurer of the county of the mother’s residence at the time  
23 of the birth if the county to receive the funds has established a  
24 program pursuant to ~~Article 5 (commencing with Section 18965)~~  
25 ~~of Chapter 11 of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions~~  
26 ~~Code and does not have a licensed health facility that provides~~  
27 ~~maternity services within its jurisdiction.~~ *this article.*