

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4608-01  
Bill No.: HB 1990  
Subject: Nurses; Licenses - Professional  
Type: Original  
Date: March 2, 2010

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Bill Summary: Requires employers to verify the licensure status of applicants for nursing positions.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration, and Department of Health and Senior Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** state their state operated facilities or community providers are required by accreditation or certification to complete primary verification on nurses working with consumers within their service programs. This legislation would not create a fiscal impact on the DMH.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** state there is no cost to the Mo HealthNet Division (MHD) associated with Section 335.081(10).

Sections 1.1-2: Most physicians' offices and clinics also already have verification and tracking systems. If they do not, they may see an increase in their administrative costs but it is not anticipated to be significant.

Most institutions, hospitals and nursing facilities have these types of verification and tracking systems in place and already meet these requirements. However, if these facilities did incur a cost, those costs would not be reflected in the Medicaid per diem rates until the cost report that captures the costs is used for a rate base. Currently, rates are based on 1995 cost reports and the MHD does not have any plans to rebase on a more current rate base.

The MHD bases other hospital reimbursement (i.e., add-on payments) for a given year on the fourth prior year cost report. Since the legislation would probably be effective in August, 2010, the costs would begin to be reflected in 2011 cost reports. The MHD would use 2011 cost reports to establish reimbursement for SFY15.

Therefore, there would not be a fiscal impact for facilities that would be passed on to the MHD for FY11, FY12 and FY13, but starting FY15 there could be an impact, but the amount is unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business physicians' offices and other healthcare-related offices that employ nurses may experience an increase in administrative costs if they do not currently have a verification or tracking system in place.

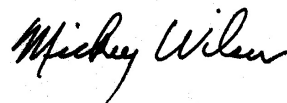
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Social Services



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