

HB 2433 -- State Agency Fees

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This bill requires all state departments and agencies to review, prior to December 31, 2010, all fees imposed for services and licensing to determine whether they are sufficient to cover the actual costs incurred by the state and authorizes them to increase the fees to an amount that is sufficient to cover the actual costs. Any department or agency that increases a fee must maintain and make available upon request the written documentation used as the basis for the increase and submit a list of all increased fees for the preceding fiscal year to the Office of Administration annually beginning January 31, 2012.

The Office of Administration must submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly beginning February 15, 2012, which must include a list of all fees increased during the preceding fiscal year. The list must identify specific fee increases, the service or license for which the fee is imposed, the previous fee amount, the increased fee amount, and the total savings realized by the department or agency as a result of the fee increase.

Any savings to the state realized by an increase in fees for services or licensing will be distributed in the following manner:

- (1) The state's appropriated core budget for each department or agency will be reduced by the total amount saved;
- (2) Fifty percent of the savings will be refunded to taxpayers on a proration based on the tax liability reported annually on Missouri state income tax returns; and
- (3) Fifty percent of the savings will be deposited into the newly created Business Startup and Entrepreneurial Development Fund to be used by the Department of Economic Development to establish a program to increase the number of new business startups, for entrepreneurial business development in Missouri, and to implement the provisions of the bill.