

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6350-01  
Bill No.: HB 2116  
Subject: Workers' Compensation  
Type: Original  
Date: March 26, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal would modify the qualifications for Line of Duty Compensation.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Line of Duty Compensation *	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\* Net of transfers in and payments to beneficiaries.

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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOLIR)** provided the following response.

DOLIR officials stated the benefit class of recipients who could be awarded Line of Duty Compensation benefits would be increased based on the expansion of what constitutes "Killed in the line of duty" in the proposal. Therefore, the number of pay outs would increase given the larger number of qualifying individuals. This number cannot be estimated, therefore, the increase is unknown.

DOLIR officials included an estimate of unknown additional cost for the General Revenue Fund in their response.

**Oversight** will indicate unknown transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Line of Duty Compensation Fund and unknown payments to beneficiaries from the Line of Duty Compensation Fund for DOLIR.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Division of General Services (DGS)** noted this proposal would allow for death benefits for any law officers, emergency medical technicians, air ambulance pilots, air ambulance registered professional nurses, paramedics, and firefighters acting in the individual's performance of his or her duties whether the injury is received while the individual is on duty or off duty.

DGS officials assume this proposal would require the state's self insured workers' compensation program fund to pay death benefits for law enforcement officers acting in the individual's performance of his or her duties as a law enforcement officer regardless of whether an injury resulting in death is received while on or off duty.

DGS officials indicated an unknown additional cost to their organization for this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** deferred to the Department of Transportation for an estimate of the fiscal impact to their organization.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** assume this proposal would have little to no fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** will not include an estimated cost to road funds for this proposal.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City** and the **Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri** assume there could be additional costs to their organization in the future but could not provide an estimate of such costs.

Officials from **St. Louis County** assume this proposal would increase the County's exposure in the death of a law enforcement officer. County officials noted the County does not employ emergency medical technicians, air ambulance pilots, air ambulance registered professional nurses, or firefighters. Because these incidents are rare and the fact pattern in each case is different, a reasonable cost estimate associated with this proposed legislation cannot be made at this time.

Officials from the **Columbia Police Department** assume there would be no significant fiscal impact to their organization from this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections**, the **Department of Public Safety, Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Capitol Police**, and **Division of Fire Safety**, and the **St. Louis County Directors of Elections** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Not responding

Officials from the following counties: Andrew, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to our request for information.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the following cities: Ashland, Belton, Bernie, Bonne Terre, Boonville, California, Cape Girardeau, Clayton, Columbia, Dardenne Prairie, Excelsior Springs, Florissant, Frontenac, Fulton, Gladstone, Grandview, Harrisonville, Independence, Jefferson City, Joplin, Kearney, Knob Noster, Ladue, Lake Ozark, Lebanon, Lee Summit, Liberty, Louisiana, Maryland Heights, Maryville, Mexico, Monett, Neosho, O’Fallon, Pacific, Peculiar, Popular Bluff, Raytown, Republic, Richmond, Rolla, Sedalia, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Robert, Sugar Creek, Sullivan, Warrensburg, Warrenton, Webb City, Weldon Spring and West Plains did not respond to our request for information.

Officials from the Boone County Sheriff Department, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Department, Clark County Sheriff’s Department, Cole County Sheriff Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff Department, Jefferson City Police Department, Platte County Sheriff’s Department, Springfield Police Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not respond to our request for information.

**Oversight** will indicate unknown additional cost to the state General Revenue Fund for the Office of Administration and unknown additional cost to local governments for the fiscal impact of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost - OA</u>			
Line of Duty Compensation Program Changes	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<u>Transfer Out - to Line of Duty Compensation Fund</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<u>(Continued)</u>	(10 Mo.)		

**LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION FUND**

<u>Transfer In - from General Revenue Fund</u>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost - DOLIR</u> Line of Duty Compensation Program Changes	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION FUND**

\$0                      \$0                      \$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
	(10 Mo.)		

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

<u>Cost - Local governments</u> Line of Duty Compensation Program Changes	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

(Unknown)                      (Unknown)                      (Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal would change the qualifications for the Line of Duty Compensation Program.

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

Office of Administration  
    Division of General Services  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Public Safety  
    Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control  
    Capitol Police  
    Division of Fire Safety  
    Missouri Highway Patrol  
St. Louis County  
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