

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1578-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 743  
Subject: Victims of Crime; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: April 20, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the distribution of moneys from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to the state forensic laboratory account.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)
Services to Victims' Fund	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)	\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)
State Forensic Lab Fund	\$0 or Up to \$750,000	\$0 or Up to \$750,000	\$0 or Up to \$750,000
<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 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</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 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director (DPS)** stated while assisting the state crime labs with additional funds, this increase affects the Crime Victims Compensation Fund (0681), and particularly the Service to Victims Fund (0592) which is used for State Services to Victim Funds (SSVF) grant awards.

The current deduction (\$250,000) is taken from county funds only. The Department of Revenue deposits all of these certain county funds to the Crime Lab Fund (0591) at the beginning of the fiscal until the \$250,000 requirement is met, which takes most of county funds deposited the first month of the fiscal year (July). They then proceed to their normal split for depositing these court fees, which is 50/50 between fund 0681 and fund 0592. Increasing the required state lab funds to \$1,000,000 could mean that deposits don't register in these funds, for the county portion, until the 2nd quarter, probably November, of the fiscal year.

Fund 0681 currently has a \$9,330,591 balance, and fund 0592 currently has a \$983,387 balance. We could reach a fund level for fund 0592 where we cannot award SSVF grant awards, which are also used by our shelter subawardees as match for our federal Violence Against Women grant.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state Pursuant to 595.045, RSMo, \$250,000 is deposited annually from the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund into the State Forensic Laboratory Fund to provide financial assistance to crime laboratories in the State of Missouri. The State Forensic Laboratory Fund is administered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), who distributes it to participating laboratories via annual grants. Currently, the Highway Patrol's share of this grant is \$117,222 per year. This legislation changes the amount deposited into the State Forensic Laboratory Fund from at least \$250,000 to no more than \$1,000,000 annually.

This would have a positive impact on the Patrol laboratory operations and could increase our share as much as \$468,888 if the higher range of \$1,000,000 is transferred.

If this bill were to pass, the Patrol would request increased spending authority through the annual legislative budget process to be able to spend the additional monies and to be able to benefit from the extra funding.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** notes the current balances in the impacted funds as of January 31, 2017 were:

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (0681)	\$9,364,260
State Forensic Laboratory Fund (0591)	\$ 718,441
Service to Victims Fund (0592)	\$ 906,433

As the proceeds are split evenly between the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and the Services to Victims Fund (per §595.045.4(2)), **Oversight** will reflect the additional Up to \$750,000 being transferred evenly (\$375,000) from both funds into the State Forensic Lab Fund.

House Amendment 2 - Crime Victims Compensation Fund changes:

According to the **Department of Public Safety**, over the past three fiscal years, DPS has paid the following amounts for funeral expenses:

FY 2013	\$1,014,392,
FY 2014	\$ 758,822; and
FY 2015	\$ 961,474

**Oversight** assumes this amendment will not fiscally impact the DPS or the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
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**CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND**

<u>Transfer Out - \$595.045 increase in annual transfer to the State Forensic Lab Fund (0591)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> (continued)	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
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**SERVICES TO VICTIMS' FUND**

<u>Transfer Out - increase in annual transfer to the State Forensic Lab Fund (0591)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE SERVICES TO VICTIMS' FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Up to \$375,000)</u></b>
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**STATE FORENSIC LAB FUND**

<u>Transfer In - increase in annual transfer from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u>	<u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u>	<u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Up to \$750,000</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

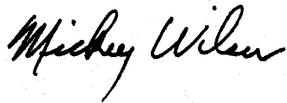
Currently, the Director of Revenue is required to deposit \$250,000 annually to the state forensic laboratory account administered by the Department of Public Safety to defray expenses of crime laboratories if such laboratories are registered with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. This bill potentially increases the required deposit amount from at least \$250,000 to \$1 million.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

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