

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5642-01
Bill No.: HB 1828
Subject: Animals; Department of Public Safety; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies;
 Department of Agriculture
Type: Original
Date: January 22, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal creates a certification process for individuals and organizations engaged in animal care training.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** state the time and cost of one full time Veterinarian employee would be necessary to train and certify applicants, along with ensuring all Animal Care Training requirements are followed.

AGR notes the cost for the full time Veterinarian employee salary was calculated with the assumption of this employee training, traveling, and processing paperwork. The salary range assumed is approximately \$73,000 per year with added fringe benefits. E & E is for a vehicle, computer and phone. The projected costs for equipment is \$25,867 with ongoing yearly expenses being approximately \$4,500. In summary, AGR assumes a cost of approximately \$110,000 per year to the General Revenue Fund.

Oversight assumes the State Veterinarian only has to review and approve training materials within 14 days of receipt. Oversight assumes there will not be a substantial number of individuals or organizations that will submit training materials in order to train peace officers in cases of animal neglect and abuse. Oversight assumes an additional FTE is not needed.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** state that the proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to their agency beyond its current appropriation.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the fiscal impact of this proposal is unknown. There may be some impact but there is no way to quantify the impact at this time. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Officials at the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume no measurable impact to OPS. The creation of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors which may in turn result in additional costs which are difficult to determine.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with any subsequent offenses of unlawful animal care training, a new Class D misdemeanor.

While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide effective representation.

Oversight assumes the SPD can absorb the additional caseload that may result from this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS)** assume this proposal would have an unknown negative fiscal impact as the subject area is unknown, as well as how many training providers are operating in the state.

Oversight assumes DPS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DPS could absorb the costs related to this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** and **Department of Corrections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires individuals, or organizations on behalf of a group of individuals, seeking to train peace officers in responding to animal neglect and abuse incident reports to submit all training materials relating to animal care to the State Veterinarian and all training materials relating to offenses involving animals to the Department of Public Safety for review on an annual basis. The State Veterinarian and Department of Public Safety must review and either approve or disapprove the materials within 14 days. Upon approval, the State Veterinarian or the Department of Public Safety will issue a certification.

Engaging in the business of animal care training using training materials that have not been certified by either the State Veterinarian or the Department of Public Safety is an infraction for the first offense, and a class D misdemeanor for the second or any subsequent offense.


This proposal contains an effective date of January 1, 2019.

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 Agriculture
Office of the Secretary of State
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Department of Corrections
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender
Department of Public Safety

Ross Strope

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strope", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Acting Director
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