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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4367-02
Bill No.: HB 2203
Subject: Children and Minors; Licenses - Miscellaneous; Fire Protection
Type: Original
Date: February 26, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to child care.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.211 - Child care facilities

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the proposed legislation adds a definition for Montessori schools, which would require these programs to be accredited by the American Montessori Society (AMS) or the Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI). DHSS states the proposed legislation exempts Montessori schools from the child care facility licensing requirements if the entity is accredited through AMS or AMI. Those not currently accredited would need to become accredited, or the school would be required to become licensed under the child care program. This could have a fiscal impact for programs who identify as a Montessori school and are currently determined as exempt from licensure.

The Division of Regulation and Licensure, Section for Child Care Regulation (SCCR) is responsible for licensing child care facilities. For those programs that would chose to become licensed, requirements vary depending on the size of the program.

Currently, SCCR has granted exemption determinations for approximately thirty-three Montessori schools in Missouri; however, only five of the thirty-three are currently accredited with AMS or AMI. It is unknown whether the remaining unaccredited schools will seek accreditation or licensure. However, any Montessori schools applying for licensure under the proposed legislation would fall under the same requirements as other licensed facilities and is within the normal ebb and flow for SCCR so minimal time and expense will be required to conduct the requirements of the proposed legislation.

Also, group child care homes and child care centers are required to have an individual who meets educational requirements, depending on the size of the facility.

DHSS anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY21 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the no fiscal impact assumed by DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** have stated the proposal would not have a measurable fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight notes the **Attorney General's Office**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Public Safety, Fire Safety Division**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **State Public Defender's Office** and the **State Treasurer's Office** have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

A direct fiscal impact to small business child care centers could be possible as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct 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

Attorney General's Office
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety
Department of Social Services
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
State Public Defender's Office
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