

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1150H.011
Bill No.: HB 432
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law; Courts; Health and Senior Services,
Department of
Type: Original
Date: January 28, 2021

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the birth match program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
| General Revenue | (\$31,796) | (\$28,309) | (\$28,636) |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | (\$31,796) | (\$28,309) | (\$28,636) |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
| General Revenue | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE |

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
| | | | |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.157 - "Birth Match Program"

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state per information provided by the Department of Social Services (DSS), an average of 2,185 parents have their rights terminated per year in Missouri. Based on the anticipated number of data requests, 0.5 FTE Research/Data Analyst would be required to handle the additional duties. The average annual salary of a Research/Data Analyst in the Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH) is \$46,651 as of January 1, 2021. The duties of the research/data analyst would include matching the list of individuals whose identifying information was provided by DSS to DHSS databases through complex programming queries and working with other units to ensure linkage of information across entities in an accurate manner.

Oversight contacted DHSS staff regarding changes to staffing and ITSD costs provided for similar provisions found in HCS HB 2216 (2020). In that fiscal note response, DHSS assumed 1 FTE Public Health Data Technician I (\$29,448) would be needed to maintain a list of individuals whose identifying information was provided by the DSS, searching for the information and documentation, and processing the vital record information for submission to DSS. In addition, approximately \$41,040 in ITSD costs for changes to the electronic vital record keeping system was going to be required.

DHSS officials stated that, after further research for the current proposal, it was determined the task required by this proposal could be accomplished by having a research analyst use a linkage process the Bureau of Vital Records already has the capability of performing (thus, no ITSD costs), rather than someone having to go through each record manually. However, the work would be done by a different bureau and would require a higher skilled position to perform the process (complex programming queries).

Generally, **Oversight** assumes departments have the ability to absorb limited increases in duties by existing staff. However, DHSS officials stated the DCPH does not currently have the capacity to absorb even 0.5 FTE of a Data/Research Analyst. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will present DHSS' request for 0.5 FTE Research/Data Analyst in the Division of Community and Public Health (\$46,651) as of January 1, 2021. However, Oversight assumes 0.5 FTE would not be provided fringe benefits (health insurance, sick leave, vacation, etc.) and the state would only pay Social Security and Medicare benefits of 7.65 percent. In addition, Oversight assumes the DHSS would not need additional rental space for 0.5 FTE. However, if multiple proposals pass during the legislative session requiring additional FTE, cumulatively the effect of all proposals passed may result in the DHSS needing additional rental space.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u> <u>State Government</u> | FY 2022 (10 Mo.) | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
| <u>Costs – DHSS</u> <u>(\$210.157)</u> | | | |
| Personal service | (\$19,438) | (\$23,559) | (\$23,794) |
| Fringe benefits | (\$1,487) | (\$1,802) | (\$1,820) |
| Equipment & expense | (\$10,871) | (\$2,948) | (\$3,022) |
| Total Costs - DHSS | (\$31,796) | (\$28,309) | (\$28,636) |
| FTE Change - DHSS | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND | (\$31,796) | (\$28,309) | (\$28,636) |
| Estimate Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT –</u> <u>Local Government</u> | FY 2022 (10 Mo.) | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <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.

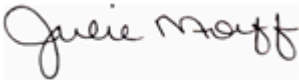
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill orders data sharing between the Departments of Social Services and Health and Senior Services and the courts to compare birth reports with reports of parents who have been convicted of certain crimes or have a termination of parental rights in order to ensure the safety of the child and provide services, if needed.

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 Health and Senior Services
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