

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0259-01  
Bill No.: HB 209  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Victims of Crimes  
Type: Original  
Date: January 6, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal raises the amount the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund can pay to eligible victims.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Crime Victims' Compensation	(\$170,085)	(\$204,102)	(\$204,102)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$170,085)</b>	<b>(\$204,102)</b>	<b>(\$204,102)</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 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</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 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</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 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** state the legislation will raise the maximum amount per week from \$200 to \$400 that a crime victim is able to claim in lost wages from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

Based on estimates provided to Budget and Planning by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Crime Victims Program, the DPS anticipates a \$100,000 increase in wage loss payouts per fiscal year.

According to the Crime Victims' Compensation Program statistics available on the Missouri Department of Public Safety's website, the average wage loss compensation for the last three fiscal years is \$204,000. Since this legislation could potentially double that payout, B&P estimates that \$204,000 is the high-end estimate of the annual increase in wage loss compensation.

Based on the information above, B&P estimates that the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund will have an increase in payouts ranging between \$100,000 and \$204,000 annually.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Director (DPS)** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency. DPS states that by increasing the reimbursement level for lost wages from \$5.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour, there will not be a negative impact on the fund because there is already a cap in place of \$25,000 per crime victim. The increase in lost wages does not increase the cap, and therefore, does not negatively affect the fund.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would double the amount of reimbursement from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund for lost wages from up to \$200 per week to up to \$400 per week. Oversight also assumes not all recipients already receive the \$25,000 cap. According to DPS' web site, over the past three years the following amounts were paid through the Crime Victims' Compensation Program for wages:

FY 2012	\$212,555
FY 2013	\$189,738
FY 2014	\$210,015

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Therefore, Oversight will take an average of these three years (\$204,102) and assume DPS could double the amount paid from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (0681). Oversight will reflect 10 months of impact in FY '16.

The balance of the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund at November 30, 2014 was \$8,719,700.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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**CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION**

Costs - Department of Public Safety - increasing the maximum amount that could be paid for wages from \$200 per week to \$400 per week	<u>(\$170,085)</u>	<u>(\$204,102)</u>	<u>(\$204,102)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$170,085)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$204,102)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$204,102)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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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

Under current law, the Crime Victims' Compensation fund can pay eligible victims up to \$200 per week for the loss of employment and for injury or death.

This proposal raises that amount to \$400 per week.

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 Public Safety  
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