

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2328-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1074
Subject: Children and Minors; Office of Administration; Social Services Department
Type: Original
Date: April 16, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal authorizes the Office of Child Advocate to conduct an independent review of any entity within a county that has three or more review requests in a year.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue			

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE			

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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Due to time constraints, **Oversight** originally prepared a fiscal note for this bill without all of the agency responses. Oversight has since obtained the agency responses and upon review of those responses, believes the original fiscal note does not need to be updated. This fiscal note provides agency responses for the changes related to the current version of this proposal.

Officials at the **Office of Administration (OA), Office of Child Advocate (OCA)** assume this would expand their office. It would give them authority to conduct a review of any entity within a county including the Children’s Division, juvenile office or guardian ad litem. The OCA would need two additional investigators at \$60,000 each, annually, plus benefits and related expenses of \$5,830. It is assumed this FTE would require extensive experience working with the Children’s Division, Juvenile Officers and the Courts.

Total costs to the General Revenue Fund are estimated to be \$157,835 for FY 2016; \$184,230 for FY 2017; and \$186,072 for FY 2018.

Oversight assumes the proposal could have an unknown fiscal impact on the Office of Child Advocate if it decides to audit a judicial circuit that has three or more review requests in a fiscal year. However, since the bill is permissive Oversight assumes the proposal will have no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Children’s Division** and the **Division of Legal Services, the Office of State Courts Administrator, Callaway County** and **St. Louis County** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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

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

Department of Social Services -
 Children's Division
 Division of Legal Services
Office of Administration -
 Office of Child Advocate
Office of State Courts Administrator
Callaway County
St. Louis County



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