

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2399-01
Bill No.: HB 1226
Subject: Administration, Office of; Crimes and Punishment; Health Care; Hospitals
Type: Original
Date: March 11, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue	(\$17,230)	(\$21,295)	(\$21,935)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds*	(\$17,230)	(\$21,295)	(\$21,935)

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (DPS-MHP)** stated this bill will mandate the distribution of sexual assault kits to hospitals. Presently, the kits are being supplied by crime labs throughout the state and paid for by DPS as a public service, but without statutory mandate. The funding of these kits has been uncertain from year to year. It is assumed that if the Department of Health and Senior Services is assigned the responsibility, they will also be responsible for the costs associated with the program and the costs will not fall back on the MHP.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated that based on data maintained by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, it is estimated that 2,500 rape kits would be purchased and distributed to hospitals by the department. The fiscal impact of this bill was determined by using the following methodology: Cost of the rape kits, mailing envelopes, cost of shipping kits to the requesting hospitals, printing of letters notifying hospitals of the availability of the kits, mailing costs associated to sending the notification letters.

The DOH would send notification letters, not only to hospitals, but also to rape crisis centers and other pertinent entities so that they would be aware that the department has these kits available. This figure is estimated to be 5,000.

Rape kits cost \$5.00 each (the number of kits was provided by the Highway Patrol based on usage since 1998), shipping cost per kit \$2.00, shipping envelopes \$55.00 per box, printing and mailing notification letters \$0.36 per letter.

The cost of the kits and shipping was obtained from the Department of Public Safety, printing and mailing costs were calculated based on current OA printing costs and mail costs. Staff costs were calculated from existing staff working on the project at their current salaries.

Staff time associated to this bill would include, Health Program Rep II 78.0 hours = \$1,069.00 per year, Sr. Office Support Assistant-Keyboarding 130.0 hours = \$1,280.00 per year. Staff would be used to prepare documentation for printing, send out notification letters, establish and maintain tracking spreadsheets, send requests for distribution to the warehouse.

As the legislation is currently worded, the DOH would absorb the staff time utilizing existing resources.

Officials from **Cooper County Memorial Hospital** stated they could not identify any obvious, negative fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (COA)** stated the proposed legislation should not
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result in additional costs or savings to the COA.

Officials from **Barton County Memorial Hospital, Cass Medical Center , Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Lincoln County Memorial Hospital, Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Memorial Hospital, and Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - Department of Health and Senior Services</u>			
Rape Kits	(\$10,417)	(\$12,875)	(\$13,261)
Printing and Shipping Costs	(\$6,813)	(\$8,420)	(\$8,674)
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services	(\$17,230)	(\$21,295)	(\$21,935)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$17,230)</u>	<u>(\$21,295)</u>	<u>(\$21,935)</u>

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

Subject to appropriations, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, upon request, to provide licensed hospitals with rape kits and similar collection material to aid in the identification of rape suspects.

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

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Office of Administration
Department of Health and Senior Services
Cooper County Memorial Hospital
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol

NOT RESPONDING: Barton County Memorial Hospital, Cass Medical Center Cooper County Memorial Hospital, Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Lincoln County Memorial Hospital, Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Memorial Hospital, and Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital



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