

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3865-09  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SS for SCS for HCS for HB 1443  
Subject: Children and Minors: Family Law  
Type: Original  
Date: May 20, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Revenue	(\$7,735)	(\$7,967)	(\$8,206)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$7,735)</b>	<b>(\$7,967)</b>	<b>(\$8,206)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
None			
<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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

*SECTIONS 192.016 and 453.030 - Paternity Provisions*

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume the proposed legislation will not fiscally impact their organization.

*SECTION 210.950 - Safe Place for Newborns Act*

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH), Office of Prosecution Services** and the **State Public Defender** assume the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services (DOS -DFS)** stated the proposed legislation would fiscally impact their organization due to the long term need to inform the public, especially women of child rearing years. The DFS would need additional funding to cover costs of producing, publishing, and distributing this legislated information on a regular basis. DOS officials stated that the cost to produce about 85,000 brochures annually would be \$7,735. DFS would distribute brochures to doctors offices, hospitals, clinics, WIC offices, all county offices of state agencies, county health agencies, colleges and universities and professional health and social service organizations across the state. DFS officials note that they would coordinate mailings of brochures with existing mailings and would not request additional funds to mail the brochures.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - Department of Social Services' Division of Youth Services			
Equipment and Expense- Brochures	(\$7,735)	(\$7,967)	(\$8,206)
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Social Services	<u>(\$7,735)</u>	<u>(\$7,967)</u>	<u>(\$8,206)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$7,735)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$7,967)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$8,206)</u></b>

<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

This proposal would make technical modifications to provisions concerning the putative father registry.

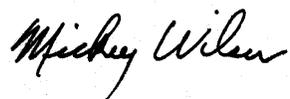
Part of this proposal, known as the "Safe Newborns Act of 2001", would protect a parent from prosecution of abandonment, for leaving a newborn, who is 5 days old or younger and has not been physically abused, at a licensed medical facility. The medical facility must treat the child, if necessary. If the parent expresses no intent to return for the infant, the medical facility must contact the Division of Family Services, which would be required to take physical custody of the child. (If the newborn is 6 to 30 days old, the parent could be prosecuted; however, voluntary relinquishment would be an affirmative defense to any prosecution.)

The Division of Family Services would provide information and answer questions about the process established by this proposal on the statewide, toll-free telephone number maintained pursuant to section 210.145, RSMo. In addition, it would provide information by way of pamphlets, brochures or other ways to deliver information about the process.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This legislation would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services  
Department of Health



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