

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2195-01  
Bill No.: HB 733  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: April 14, 2003

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>       |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2004    | FY 2005    | FY 2006    |
| None  |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>       |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED  | FY 2004    | FY 2005    | FY 2006    |
| None   |            |            |            |
|  |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</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 2004</b> | <b>FY 2005</b> | <b>FY 2006</b> |
| 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> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2004</b> | <b>FY 2005</b> | <b>FY 2006</b> |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume prosecutors could absorb the costs of the proposed legislation within existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of State Public Defender** assume existing staff could provide representation for those few cases arising where indigent persons were charged with knowingly causing injury to another person, a class D felony. Passage of more than one bill increasing penalties on existing crimes or creating new crimes would require the State Public Defender System to request increased appropriations to cover the cumulative cost of representing indigent persons accused in the now more serious cases or in the new additional cases.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume they cannot currently predict the number of new commitments which may result from the enhancement of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments depends on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court.

If additional persons are sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC will incur a corresponding increase in operational cost either through incarceration (FY02 average of \$35.52 per inmate, per day or an annual cost of \$12,965 per inmate) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY02 average of \$3.10 per offender, per day or an annual cost of \$1,132 per offender).

The following factors contribute to DOC's minimal assumption:

- ▶ DOC assumes the narrow scope of the crime will not encompass a large number of offenders;
- ▶ The low felony status of the crime enhances the possibility of plea-bargaining or imposition of a probation sentence; and
- ▶ The probability exists that offenders would be charged with a similar but more serious offense or that sentences may run concurrent to one another.

The DOC does not anticipate the need for capital improvements at this time. It must be noted that the cumulative effect of various new legislation, if passed into law, could result in the need for additional capital improvements funding if the total number of new offenders exceeds current planned capacity.

In summary, supervision by the DOC through probation or incarceration would result in some additional costs, but it is assumed the impact would be \$0 or a minimal amount that could be absorbed within existing resources.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2004<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2005    | FY 2006    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2004<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2005    | FY 2006    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <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.

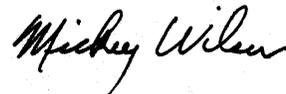
DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would revise the crime of assault in the third degree to include knowingly causing physical injury to another person. A violation of this provision would be a class D felony.

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

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Public Safety  
– Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of State Public Defender



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