

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0914-02
Bill No.: HB 668
Subject: Children and Minors; Hospitals; Courts; Juvenile; Social Services Department
Type: Original
Date: March 1, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the Safe Place for Newborns Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Children's Division (CD)** state Section 210.950.3 expands the time a parent can voluntarily relinquish an infant at a designated "safe place" without criminal reprisal by increasing the age of the child from five days old to forty-five days old. As a result, there is a possibility of an increased number of infants entering the CD's custody under these circumstances. However, the number of children who would not otherwise come into care through other means, such as child abuse or neglect report, is not expected to be significant.

This legislation would require minor revisions to the Child Welfare Policy and revisions to the "Safe Place for Newborns" brochure. However, this cost would be minimal and could be absorbed by the Division.

The remainder of the proposal's provisions have no fiscal impact on the CD.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** and **Barton County Memorial Hospital** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

No other hospitals responded to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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

Office of Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services -
 Children's Division
Department of Public Safety -
 Missouri State Highway Patrol
Barton County Memorial Hospital



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