

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO. 2491-01
BILL NO. HB 1502
SUBJECT: Posting criminal offenders on the Internet
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 16, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** assume, based on information from MHP's Criminal Records and Identification Division, approximately 6,500 registered offenders will need to be posted. Each registrant will require about 20 minutes for posting onto the system. Each associated fingerprint card will need to be prepared, entered, and scanned/refiled. Two AFIS Entry Operators would be required to formally enter the 6,500 sex offender registrants onto the Internet as well as process and enter incoming sex offenders on the Internet daily. This task would require six months or more to complete without interruption. These positions would require the standard office equipment.

MHP's Information Systems Division would require two full-time CITS I (Computer Information Technology Specialist) positions to design, develop, acquire training, maintain the application and hardware, ensure security and monitor the network infrastructure for the web-site. These two positions would require the standard office equipment. The CITS Is would be required to design, develop, acquire training, maintain the application and hardware, ensure security and monitor the network infrastructure.

Additionally, consulting services would be needed to mentor, facilitate, and educate the required full-time CITS Is on the initial design and development of the application to post the registry to the web site. The system would be a Lotus Notes implementation with cost estimates utilizing state contract prices. MHP's Information System Division would also require hardware and software capable of hosting the new application and accommodating the anticipated increase in server access traffic.

Oversight assumes MHP currently maintains an Internet site and would not require the 2.0 FTE CITS I positions to design, develop, acquire training, maintain the application and hardware, ensure security and monitor the network infrastructure for the web-site; nor would MHP require consulting services, hardware and software for the initial design and development of the application. Oversight assumes MHP will not post information regarding fingerprints on the Internet as it is not required by the proposed legislation. In addition, Oversight assumes much of the information required to be posted on the Internet is currently available on existing systems and would not require significant resources to convert to a format compatible with the web-site. Oversight assumes any additional costs could be absorbed with existing resources.

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation requires the Department of Public Safety to put information regarding persons who are required to register as sex offenders on the department's Internet web site. The site will include the person's name, photograph, birth date, address, place of employment, and status as a persistent or predatory sex offender. The site will also include a description of the crime committed which requires registration and any information that the department determines is necessary to preserve public safety.

This legislation is federally mandated by the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, would not duplicate any other program, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety



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