

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	\$0	(\$0 to \$600,000)	(\$0 to \$100,000)
Assistive Technology Loan Revolving	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	(\$0 to \$500,000)	(\$0 to \$100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0
*Net of up to \$500,000 in federal funds drawn down and loaned out.			
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 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Health**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, and the **Office of Administration - Division of Information Technology** assume the proposal would result in no direct fiscal impact to their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Missouri Assistive Technology Project, (DOL)** stated that regarding the Assistive Technology Loan Program, Title III provides matching federal funds for states to establish no-interest or low-interest loans for the purchase of assistive technology. Each state has been allotted \$500,000 for program start-up. They assume no new staff would be required, and existing positions, currently funded with federal Title Assistive Technology Act dollars, would be used to support program development in FY 2001. An FY 2002 decision item for state general revenue would be developed for staff time and internal operation costs (about \$100,000 annually based on a million dollar program) and a one-time state appropriation of matching dollars (up to \$500,000 if that is the federal allotment). Administrative costs would be for contracts with community organizations, communicating availability of grants to affected members of the public, expenses for meeting with community organizations, and supplies. **Oversight** assumes administrative costs would vary with the amount of funds available for loans.

Officials from the **State Treasurer's Office (STO)**, in a response to a similar proposal (HB 1061 from the 1999 legislative session, assumed that a new accounting fund would be created in the state treasury: the Assistive Technology Loan Revolving Fund. The proposed legislation would slightly increase the number of accounting transactions processed through their accounting system and increase the available funds for investment. The STO would absorb the costs associated with increased accounting transactions and investments through their current appropriations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Costs-Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Appropriation to Assistive Technology			
Loan Revolving Fund	0	(\$0 to \$500,000)	0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
Administering the loan program	0	(\$0 to \$100,000)	(\$0 to \$100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$600,000)</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$100,000)</u>

FEDERAL FUNDS

<u>Income-Department of Labor and Industrial Relations</u>			
Federal Matching Grant	0	0 to \$500,000	0
<u>Cost-Department of Labor and Industrial Relations</u>			
Assistive Technology Loans	0	(0 to \$500,000)	0
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN
REVOLVING FUND**

<u>Income-Department of Labor and Industrial Relations</u>			
Appropriation from General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0 to \$500,000	\$0
Loan Repayments	0	0	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Cost-Department of Labor and Industrial Relations</u>			
Assistive Technology Loans	0	(0 to 500,000)	(0 to Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN REVOLVING FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposal would require the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council to establish an assistive technology loan program to provide loans for the purchase of assistive technology devices and services as defined in section 191.850, RSMo. After July 1, 2001, upon appropriation and upon the state's receipt of any federal matching grant moneys, the loan program would provide loans. The proposal would create the Assistive Technology Loan Revolving Fund to be administered by the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council and the State Treasurer. Moneys in the fund would be used to establish and maintain the assistive technology loan program.

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

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
State Treasurer's Office
Department of Social Services
Department of Health
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations-Missouri Assistive Technology Project
Department of Mental Health
Office of Administration
Office of Information Technology



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