COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 0275-02

Bill No.: HCS for HB 119

Subject: Insurance - Life; Military Affairs; State Employees

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: February 11, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Total Estimated Net Effect on All				
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

<u>ASSUMPTION</u>

Officials from the Office of Administration (COA) - Division of Budget and Planning, COA - Division of Accounting, County Employees' Retirement System, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, State Highway Employees and Patrol Retirement System, Department of Insurance, Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System, Public School Retirement System (PSRS) of Kansas City, PSRS of the City of St. Louis, Kansas City Police Employees' Retirement System, and Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement System assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Public School Retirement System (PSRS)** state the proposal will have no fiscal impact on the PSRS or the Non-Teacher School Employee Retirement System of Missouri.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCP)** state a review of the proposal indicates the proposal would not create a "substantial proposed change" in future plan benefits as defined in Section 105.660(5). Therefore, an actuarial cost statement is not required. The JCP states no increased cost to contribution rates or increased actuarial costs to the state systems are anticipated for this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Director's Office** defer any cost estimates to the Office of Administration and the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan since health care premiums are handled through those agencies.

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<u>ASSUMPTION</u> (continued)

Officials from the **DPS** - **Missouri State Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for response regarding the fiscal impact of this proposal on their organization.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (DOT)** state presently participants maintain their life insurance benefits when called to active military duty, but are required to pay the total premium for the coverage. Therefore, the DOT assumes no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOS)** state the MOS facilitates the basic and optional life insurance programs through a third party administrator known as The Standard Insurance Company (Standard). Under the current insurance contract, all employees who are eligible for any type of leave have the option of continuing both basic and optional life insurance at their own expense for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. Under this proposal, employees who are called to active military duty would be able to continue such insurance coverage for the length of their deployment, which may well extend beyond twelve months.

Standard is unable to assess whether or not there would be any increased costs associated with this proposal since any risk is unknowable and cannot be actuarially determined.

Officials from the **St. Louis Fireman Retirement System** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2006 (12 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2006 (12 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<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.

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DESCRIPTION

This substitute allows state employees and retirees who are called to military service, in times of active armed warfare, to retain life insurance benefits for the entire duration of deployment, subject to the terms and conditions of any life insurance policy in place. Employees or retirees who retain this insurance while deployed must pay for the cost of coverage.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

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 Administration -

Division of Accounting

Division of Budget and Planning

Missouri Department of Transportation

Department of Public Safety -

Director's Office

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan

State Highway Employees and Patrol Retirement System

Department of Insurance

County Employees Retirement System

Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement

Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System

Missouri State Employees' Retirement System

Public School Retirement System

Public School Retirement System of Kansas City

Kansas City Police Employees' Retirement System

Public School Retirement System of St. Louis City

Prosecuting Attorneys' Retirement System

NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis Fireman Retirement System

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