# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1377-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 462

Subject: Health Care; Liability; Mental Health; Mental Health Department

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 1, 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 <u>Other</u> 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 <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Office of State Courts Administrator, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Department of Mental Health assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume that this proposal would have a positive, but limited fiscal impact. AGO states Section 537.037.3 states that if certain state employees render suicide prevention interventions, they are not liable for civil damages. Thus, these employees are exempt from the Legal Expense Fund coverage that would normally apply under these rare occurrences.

Officials from the **Taney County Ambulance District** and the **Springfield Police Department** assume there would be no fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

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FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2006 (10 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.

## **DESCRIPTION**

This proposal includes suicide prevention intervention rendered in good faith at the scene of a threatened suicide by a mental health professional, substance abuse counselor, or other person who has been trained to provide suicide prevention interventions to the list of care or services rendered in an emergency situation that are immune from civil liability.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Department of Public Safety Missouri State Highway Patrol
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services
Department of Economic Development Division of Professional Registration
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Office of Attorney General
Taney County Ambulance District
Springfield Police Department

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