

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1985-01  
Bill No.: HB 805  
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Hospitals; Nursing and Boarding Homes  
Type: Original  
Date: April 5, 2005

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Revenue	(\$114,194)	(\$122,119)	(\$125,240)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$114,194)</b>	<b>(\$122,119)</b>	<b>(\$125,240)</b>

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

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state this proposal requires nurse staffing levels be posted in hospitals. This proposal would result in the Department of Health and Senior Services promulgating rules to implement this proposal. These rules will be published in the Missouri Register and the Code of State Regulations. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services could require as many as 8 pages in the Code of State Regulations. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as are published in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and notices are not published in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23.00. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27.00. The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The fiscal impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded and withdrawn. The SOS estimates the cost of this legislation to be \$492 in FY 06.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations

ASSUMPTION (continued)

related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume this proposal would require hospitals to compile and post the nurse staffing levels in the patient care areas in each unit of the hospital. This proposal further would require the hospitals to compile this information into a report to be sent to the DOH on a monthly basis. The DOH would make such information available to the public on a quarterly basis accompanied by a written explanation to assist in interpretation of the data.

DOH states the proposal would require DOH to develop a form and manner for the hospitals to submit their methods for staffing of license nursing personnel. All of the hospitals licensed under Section 197.290 would be required to submit their information monthly. DOH staff would on a quarterly basis provide the information to the public with a written explanation to assist the public with interpretation. DOH states this proposal would require 2 additional DOH FTE as follows:

One Health Facility Nursing Consultant (HFNC) to develop the form for the hospitals to use to submit their staffing information.

The HFNC would provide information and reference material to the hospitals regarding submission process.

The HFNC would be required to provide the information to the public quarterly with a written explanation to assist with interpretation.

The HFNC would also be responsible to monitor the hospitals submission and impose sanctions for non-compliance if applicable.

The HFNC would assist the technical advisory council with promulgating rules to implement the section.

One Office Support Assistant (Keyboarding) position to assist the HFNC with the processing of the forms, tracking the submissions, and processing the information for the public. Communicating with the hospitals and public regarding the submission process.

**Oversight** assumes local hospitals could be fiscally impacted as result of this proposal for the extra recordkeeping necessary. Oversight assumes hospitals would have an unknown cost.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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## GENERAL REVENUE

### Costs - Department of Health and Senior Services

Personal Service (2 FTE)	(\$62,023)	(\$76,288)	(\$78,195)
Fringe Benefits	(\$26,459)	(\$32,544)	(\$33,358)
Expense and Equipment	<u>(\$25,712)</u>	<u>(\$13,287)</u>	<u>(\$13,687)</u>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$114,194)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$122,119)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$125,240)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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## LOCAL FUNDS

### Costs - Local Hospitals

Recordkeeping costs	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>
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### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

## DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires hospitals, beginning January 1, 2006, to compile and post daily staffing information in the patient care area of each unit of the hospital. The staffing information must contain the number of registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aides providing direct patient care in the hospital. Each hospital is also required to compile the daily information and submit a monthly staffing report to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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 Health and Senior Services  
Department of Economic Development -  
Division of Professional Registration  
Secretary of State

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Director  
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