

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4443-01
Bill No.: HB 1571
Subject: Children and Minors; Courts
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Missouri CASA*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Offsetting revenues and expenditures to the Missouri CASA Fund of approximately \$150,000 per fiscal year.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **State Treasurer's Office** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would increase the surcharge for the CASA fund from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and allow counties to impose a similar surcharge of up to \$5.00 to fund a county's CASA program. CTS anticipates the maximum total revenue from a \$5.00 surcharge would be \$256,019 per fiscal year.

Oversight assumes the proposal increases the surcharge for the CASA fund from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Therefore, Oversight has shown a fiscal impact reflecting the \$3.00 increase, or \$153,611 per year. The fiscal impact is reduced in FY 07 to reflect 10 months.

Officials from **St. Louis County** assume the proposal would result in revenues of approximately \$28,460 per fiscal year.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to a similar proposal from the current session (SB 586, LR # 3354-02), officials from **Greene County** estimated \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year for the statewide surcharge coming from Greene County. The county commission authorized surcharge could generate up to \$12,500 to the Greene County CASA program.

Oversight assumes the county surcharge on domestic relation petitions filed is permissive. Therefore, Oversight has shown no county fiscal impact.

Officials from Boone County and Jackson County did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
MISSOURI CASA FUND			
<u>Revenues</u> – Office of State Courts Administrator			
From increased surcharge	\$128,009	\$153,611	\$153,611
<u>Costs</u> – Office of State Courts Administrator			
Expenditures on CASA Programs	<u>(\$128,009)</u>	<u>(\$153,611)</u>	<u>(\$153,611)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI CASA FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>			
	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<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

The proposed legislation increases the surcharge levied for domestic relations petitions filed in a circuit or associate circuit court from \$2 to \$5. The surcharge will be used to fund recognized court-appointed special advocate programs and new start-up programs. An individual county can, by a majority vote, authorize an additional surcharge on domestic relations petitions not exceeding \$5 per petition. The surcharge will not be charged when costs are waived or are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality.

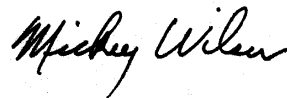
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
State Treasurer's Office
St. Louis County
Greene County

NOT RESPONDING

Boone County
Jackson County



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