

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4536-02
Bill No.: HB 1491
Subject: Medicaid; Public Assistance; Social Services Department
Type: Original
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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
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 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 **Department of Mental Health** and **Office of Attorney General** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC)** assume there would be an unknown cost because a Veteran Service Officer would be required to determine eligibility. **Oversight** assumes the MVC could absorb the costs of eligibility determination.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state this proposal is not expected to fiscally impact the operations of DOH. DOH states if a fiscal impact were to result, funds to support the program would be sought through the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services–Family Support Division (FSD)** state FSD can accomplish the intent of this legislation while incurring no additional fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes there are some individuals that would seek VA benefits rather than Medicaid benefits but the number of these individuals and cost of their medical services is unknown. Therefore, there could be an unknown savings to the Department of Social Services–Division of

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Medical Services.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<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

This proposal requires the Family Support Division of the Department of Social Services to determine whether an individual who is applying for Missouri Medicaid Program benefits is eligible for federal medical services from the Missouri Veterans Commission. If an applicant or recipient is eligible for the federal medical services, the division must urge the person to utilize these benefits. The division must consult with the commission regarding a method that can be used to determine whether an individual who receives state medical assistance is eligible for the federal benefits. The proposal does not require an individual to exhaust any federal veterans' benefits prior to receiving state medical assistance.

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 Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Office of Attorney General
Missouri Veterans Commission

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