

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4636-02
Bill No.: SCS for HB 1509
Subject: Fire Protection; Public Safety Department.
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	\$28,333	\$34,000	\$34,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$28,333	\$34,000	\$34,000

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	(\$28,333)	(\$34,000)	(\$34,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety (DFS)** state they have maintained a training and certification program for firefighters and first responders since 1985. This legislation clarifies DFS' role in the training and testing of firefighters, investigators, inspectors, public or private employees, and emergency response volunteers. It allows the State Fire Marshal to promulgate rules for establishing and maintaining a voluntary training and certification program, and provides for a mechanism for the Division to charge a minimal fee for certification testing and recertification processing.

DFS states this legislation will generate revenue from testing and re-certification fees. This revenue will be deposited into the General Revenue fund and will assist in offsetting the expenses of administering the certification testing and re-certification of first responders.

On an annual basis, DFS administers approximately 6,000 certification exams, and nearly 800 re-certifications. Expenses associated with this process include printing, postage, travel, and other related supplies. A minimal fee of \$5.00 per certification exam, would assist the State of Missouri in recouping these costs, and yet not impose a hardship on emergency responders. This fee would not cover the personal services costs of the program, or the related fringe benefit costs. It is anticipated these fees would generate approximately \$34,000 (\$5 x (6,000 + 800) annually.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$1,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Officials from the **DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District** state the costs are dependent upon the number of certifications sought. The premise is to charge a minimal handling fee. This fee would be insignificant when weighed against the benefit of testing

Officials from the **Jefferson City Fire Department, Lake Saint Louis Fire District, Hillsboro Fire Protection District** and the **Creve Couer Fire Protection District** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

Oversight will utilize DFS' revenue estimate. Oversight will assume the fees collected by DFS resulting from this proposal will represent a correlating cost to the local political subdivisions. Oversight assumes the training is voluntary to fire departments and fire districts.

This proposal could increase Total State Revenues.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Income - Division of Fire Safety</u>			
Certification testing fee and recertification fee	<u>\$28,333</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$28,333</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
Cost - to Fire Departments, Fire Protection Districts, etc. for voluntary training and certification program	<u>(\$28,333)</u>	<u>(\$34,000)</u>	<u>(\$34,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(\$28,333)</u>	<u>(\$34,000)</u>	<u>(\$34,000)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal expands the duties of the State Fire Marshal in the Division of Fire Safety within the Department of Public Safety to include the voluntary training of inspectors and public or private employees or volunteers in the field of emergency response, rescue, and fire prevention or preparedness. The State Fire Marshal is also required to establish and maintain a voluntary training and certification program based upon nationally recognized standards and is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in order to administer the provisions.

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 Public Safety
Division of Fire Safety
Office of the Secretary of State
DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District

**NOT RESPONDING: Jefferson City Fire Department, Lake Saint Louis Fire District,
Hillsboro Fire Protection District, Creve Couer Fire Protection District**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mickey" and last name "Wilson" clearly distinguishable.

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Director
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