

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3466-01  
Bill No.: HB 1511  
Subject: Business and Commerce; Crimes and Punishment; Telecommunications  
Type: Original  
Date: February 5, 2008

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Bill Summary: The proposal makes it a class D felony for a person to steal or appropriate certain wire and electrical devices and property located on utility property.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>                   |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                                                         | FY 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>General Revenue<br/>Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>                      |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                                                         | FY 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>Other</u><br/>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 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
|                                                                       |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) |          |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| FUND AFFECTED                                      | FY 2009  | FY 2010  | FY 2011  |
|                                                    |          |          |          |
|                                                    |          |          |          |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>FTE</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                       | FY 2009    | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
| <b>Local Government</b>             | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director’s Office** and the – **Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume they cannot currently predict the number of new commitments which may result from the creation of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments depends on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court.

If additional persons are sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC will incur a corresponding increase in operational cost either through incarceration (FY07 average of \$41.21 per inmate per day, or an annual cost of \$15,040 per inmate) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY07 average of \$2.43 per offender per day, or an annual cost of \$887 per offender).

The following factors contribute to DOC’s minimal assumption:

- DOC assumes the narrow scope of the crime will not encompass a large number of offenders;
- The low felony status of the crime enhances the possibility of plea-bargaining or imposition of a probation sentence; and
- The probability exists that offenders would be charged with a similar but more serious offense or that sentences may run concurrent to one another.

In summary, supervision by the DOC through probation or incarceration would result in some additional costs, but it is assumed the impact would be \$0 or a minimal amount that could be absorbed within existing resources.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** assume increasing penalties on existing crimes, or creating new crimes, will require more SPD resources. While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional appropriations for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide competent and effective representation in all its cases.

**Oversight** assumes the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) could absorb the costs of the proposed legislation within existing resources. Oversight assumes any significant increase in the workload of the SPD would be reflected in future budget requests.

**Officials from the Office of Prosecution Services did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.**

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2009<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                                         | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2009<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2010    | FY 2011    |
|                                         | <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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

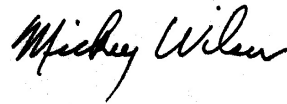
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Public Safety  
    – Missouri State Highway Patrol  
    – Director's Office  
Office of the State Public Defender

**NOT RESPONDING**

**Office of Prosecution Services**

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Director  
February 5, 2008