# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 4609-01 Bill No.: HB 1845

Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils; Cemeteries; Cities, Towns and

Villages; Contracts and Contractors; Licenses - Professional

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 30, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provision related to cemeteries.

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND       |         |         |         |  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED                                      | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |  |
|  |         |         |         |  |
|  |         |         |         |  |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |  |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS       |         |         |         |  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED                                   | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |  |
|   |         |         |         |  |
|   |         |         |         |  |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |
|  |         |         |         |
|  |         |         |         |
| Total Estimated<br>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br>Federal Funds | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) |         |         |         |  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED                                      | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |  |
|  |         |         |         |  |
|  |         |         |         |  |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE                  | 0       | 0       | 0       |  |

- ☐ 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 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |  |
| <b>Local Government</b>             | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |  |

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission, Department of Revenue, Department of Social Services, St. Louis County, and the City of Kansas City each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In a similar proposal from this session (SB 754, 3900-02), officials from the **Department of Insurance**, **Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** assumed there would be no fiscal impact to their agency.

Officials from the **Office of the 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 \$2,500. 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 **SOS - Business Services Division** state the number of trustees and escrow agents for which the SOS would serve as the registered agent for service of process, while unknown, is thought to be small; therefore, the SOS will absorb any costs associated with accepting and processing the service.

Officials form the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** state under this proposal, an endowed care trust fund would become a charitable trust, giving the AGO authority to pursue the trustees of those funds for any breach of fiduciary duty or Missouri law. This would include potential issues like taking the money, improper investment, or failure to keep the cemetery plots maintained. The AGO assumes that in order to enforce the proposal's provisions, it would need (1) additional Assistant Attorney General II to handle the additional licensing and enforcement actions, and .5 paralegal to assist with the documents generated by the proposal. The AGO assumes total cost of the proposal to be \$108,442 in FY 2011, \$119,155 in FY 2012, and \$122,728 in FY 2013.

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#### ASSUMPTION(continued)

**Oversight** assumes the AGO could absorb any costs within existing resources. If the AGO experiences an increase that would require additional funding, the AGO could request the funding through the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state the DOC cannot 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 of direct offender costs either through incarceration (FY09 average of \$16.04 per offender, per day, or an annual cost of \$5,855 per inmate) or through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY09 average of \$3.71 per offender, per day or an annual cost of \$1,354 per offender).

The 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. Therefore, 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.

The following counties did not respond to **Oversight's** request for a fiscal impact: **Boone**, **Carroll**, **Clay**, **Cole**, **Greene**, **Jackson**, **Johnson**, **St. Charles**, **Platte**, **and Pulaski**.

The following cities did not respond to Oversight's request for a fiscal impact: Boonville, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Independence, Jefferson City, Kirksville, Liberty, Springfield, Rolla, Sedalia, St. Joseph, and St. Louis.

| FISCAL IMPACT - State Government | FY 2011<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2012           | FY 2013    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                  | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u>        | <u>\$0</u> |
| FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government | FY 2011<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2012           | FY 2013    |
|                                  | <u><b>\$0</b></u>   | <u><b>\$0</b></u> | <u>\$0</u> |

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## 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

Department of Revenue Office of Attorney General Office of Administration

- Administrative Hearing Commission

Office of State Courts Administrator

Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration

Department of Corrections

Department of Social Services

Office of Secretary of State

City of Kansas City

St. Louis County

## **NOT RESPONDING**

Boone County Carroll County Clay County Cole County

**Greene County** 

**Jackson County** 

**Johnson County** 

**St. Charles County** 

**Platte County** 

**Pulaski County** 

**Boonville** 

Cape Girardeau

Columbia

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## NOT RESPONDING(continued)

Independence
Jefferson City
Kirksville
Liberty
Springfield
Sedalia
St. Joseph
City of St. Louis.
Rolla

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