

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5984-01
Bill No.: HB 1837
Subject: Employees- Employers; Health Care; Medical Procedures and Personnel
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires employers using medical needles in the routine course of business to use commercially available engineered injury protection devices to reduce the risk of needle stick injuries, with exceptions.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue	(Unknown less than \$25,000)	(Unknown less than \$25,000)	(Unknown less than \$25,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown less than \$25,000)	(Unknown less than \$25,000)	(Unknown less than \$25,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Higher Education, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Social Services, Linn State Technical College, Metropolitan Community College, Missouri State University, Missouri Veterans Commission, Missouri Western State University, Office of Administration, Office of State Courts Administrator, Parkway School District, Special School District** and the **University of Central Missouri** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** assume all but one of the facilities operated by DMH currently use safety needles/syringes for most of their injections---especially for intramuscular injections which are frequently given to patients who are combative or have difficulty standing still during the procedure. There are also a number of occasions where "unguarded" needles may be used. These occasions usually involve the small, shorter needles that are used for TB skin testing, insulin injections and flu vaccinations; and involve cooperative subjects. Some facilities also perform their own blood draws, and in those cases, the needles are "unguarded".

If passed, this bill would increase the costs incurred by the Department operated facilities. It would vary by volume and type of patients, and by the amount of current "unguarded" needle/syringe use that would be converted. Generally speaking, a guarded needle/syringe costs two (2) times more than an unguarded needle/syringe. An estimated cost to the DMH would be less than \$25,000 per year.

Officials at the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** defer to local school districts for impact.

Officials at the **Department of Corrections** assume the employee health and safety section in DOC has to purchase about 10,000 syringes per year to perform TB tests. These cost a total of \$1,000 and syringes with safety devices are estimated to cost six times more. Fiscal impact to DOC would be \$5,000 per year.

Officials at the **Reynolds County Health Center** and **Tri-County Health Department** assume unknown increased costs from this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Miller County Health Department** assume the cost of retracting needle syringes are significantly higher than non retractable needle syringes and would add excessive costs that are unable to be passed on to patients.

Officials at the **Northwest Missouri State University** assume an increase of \$1,200 per year for the new needles.

Officials at the **Harrison County Health Department** assume increased costs of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year.

Officials at the following schools: Blue Springs Public Schools, Branson Public Schools, Columbia Public Schools, Fair Grove Schools, Francis Howell Public Schools, Independence Public Schools, Jefferson City Public Schools, Kansas City Public School Board, Kirksville Public Schools, Lee Summit Public Schools, Mehlville Public Schools, Mexico Public Schools, Nixa Public Schools, Raytown School District, Sedalia School District, Sikeston Public Schools, Silex Public Schools, St Joseph School District, St Louis Public Schools, St. Charles Public Schools, and Sullivan Public Schools did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the at the following health departments: Adair County Health Department, Audrain County Health Unit, Boone County Dept of Public Health and Human Services, Cass County Health Department, Henry County Health Center, Jefferson County Health Department, Linn County Health Department, Madison County Health Department, McDonald County Health Department, Morgan County Health Center, Nodaway County Health Center, Platte County Health Department, Putnam County Health Department, Randolph County Health Department, Ripley County Health Center, Shelby County Health Department and St Francois County Health Center did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following fire protection districts and ambulance district: Battlefield Fire Protection District, Boone County Fire District, Centralia Fire Department, Creve Couer Fire District, Desoto Rural Fire Protection District ,Hawk Point Fire Protection District, Hillsboro Fire Protection, Lake Saint Louis Fire District, Mehlville Fire District, Independence Police Department, Independence Crime Lab, Nixa Fire Protection District, Saline Valley Fire Protection District, SEMO Crime Lab, Southern Iron County Fire Protection District, St Charles County Ambulance, Taney County Ambulance District, Valle Ambulance District did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
GENERAL REVENUE			
Cost - Department of Mental Health & Department of Corrections purchase of the new needles	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$25,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS			
Cost -Local Political Subdivisions purchase of the new needles	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

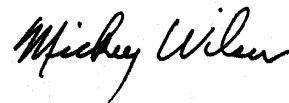
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires employers using medical needles in the routine course of business to use commercially available engineered injury protection devices to reduce the risk of needlestick injuries, with exceptions.

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 Agriculture
Department of Corrections
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Higher Education
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Harrison County Health Department
Linn State Technical College
Metropolitan Community College
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Missouri State University
Missouri Veteran Commission
Missouri Western State University
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