

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0525-01
Bill No.: HB 190
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Nurses; Physicians; Health, Public
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act to allow certain licensed health professionals to provide services without additional licensure requirements.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Revenue and expenditures unknown but net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state that although the proposal does not duplicate any other program, the Division of Community and Public Health Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism works with the statewide health care professionals' volunteer programs that would be used during public health emergencies, either natural disasters or man-made. These include the Show-Me Response and Medical Reserve Corps. The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professional program, known as Show-Me Response, is mandated through the federal Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response grant requirements. It is a nationwide program and each state keeps a registry of medical professionals willing to volunteer during an emergency.

§191.1106 - Registration of Sponsoring Organizations:

The number of sponsoring organizations (any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services and registers with the department of health and senior services as a sponsoring organization) is unknown. As a result, the number of registrations and the resulting fee revenue (\$50 X the number of registrations) is unknown.

Since DHSS does not know the number of potential sponsoring organizations, the number of staff and the related costs that would be required to administer the program is also unknown.

It is also unknown if this legislation covers sponsoring organizations and voluntary health care services used on a day-to-day basis, during medical surge situations or only during a public health emergency.

Therefore, DHHS assumes an Unknown positive impact to an (Unknown) cost impact to the General Revenue Fund for fiscal note purposes.

Oversight assumes the cost to administer the program will be covered by the revenue from the sponsoring organizations; therefore, the net fiscal impact of the proposal is \$0.

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 Secretary of State's office 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 this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet

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these costs. However, it is also recognized 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 within its 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 **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** state this proposal places no obligations or requirements upon the DMH that would result in a fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Income - DHSS</u>			
Registration fees	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Costs - DHHS</u>			
Program administration expenditures	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

If any of the sponsoring organizations are small businesses, there would be an unknown impact on them to register and provide quarterly reports. There would also be a \$50 registration fee. It is unclear if the legislation would require a one-time registration fee or an annual fee.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act that allows a licensed health care provider to provide volunteer professional health care services for a sponsoring organization. Any person with a suspended or revoked license or who provides services outside the scope of his or her license is not eligible to provide services under the proposal. Before a health care professional can provide volunteer services, the sponsoring organization must register with the Department of Health and Senior Services and pay a \$50 fee. A sponsoring organization must file a quarterly voluntary services report with the department, keep its records of health care provider volunteers up to date, and maintain the records for five years following the service rendered by the health care provider volunteer.

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 Insurance, Financial Institutions,
and Professional Registration
Department of Mental Health
Department of Health and Senior Services
Office of Secretary of State



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