

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0079-01
Bill No.: HB 181
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Guardians
Type: Original
Date: December 29, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding medical records of deceased patients.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Columbia-Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)** state total costs are unknown, but expected to be less than \$100,000. The DPHHS would have costs associated with issuing copies of medical records, either by printing electronic medical records, or supplying them on a flash drive. There is no way to estimate how many requests for the records we will receive, so it is impossible to estimate printing, flash drive, postage, mailing, and personnel costs, although they are not expected to exceed \$100,000 annually.

Oversight assumes DPHSS will be able to absorb any potential costs associated with this proposal. The legislation provides for an increase in the fees that may be charged for furnishing medical records. In addition, the language of the bill appears to be permissive.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Social Services**, and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the following health departments: **Audrain County Health Unit**, **Cass County Health Department**, **Harrison County Health Department**, **Henry County Health Center**, **Howell County Health Department**, **Independence Health Department**, **Jefferson County Health Department**, **Linn County Health Department**, **Madison County Health Department**, **McDonald County Health Department**, **Miller County Health Center**, **Morgan County Health Center**, **Nodaway County Health Center**, **Platte County Health Department**, **Randolph County Health Department**, **Reynolds County Health Center**, **Ripley County Health Center**, **Shelby County Health Department** and the **St. Francois County Health Center** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

Officials from the following hospitals: **Barton County Memorial Hospital**, **Bates County Memorial Hospital**, **Cedar County Memorial Hospital**, **Cooper County Hospital**, **Excelsior Springs Medical Center**, **Putnam County Memorial Hospital** and **Washington County Memorial Hospital** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2016
(10 Mo.)

FY 2017

FY 2018

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2016
(10 Mo.)

FY 2017

FY 2018

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal may have a minimal fiscal impact to small business health care providers that have to copy and release a deceased patient's medical records.

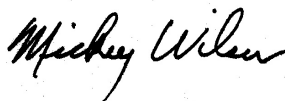
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct 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 Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
Columbia-Boone County Department of
Public Health and Human Services



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