

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0079-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 181
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Guardians
Type: Original
Date: February 23, 2015

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 notes 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. Therefore, it is assumed the DPHHS will not experience the anticipated costs.

Officials from the **Marion County Health Department** indicate this proposal would result in a significant loss of revenue for their department. However, officials did not provide an estimated or expected losses.

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Officials from the **University of Missouri** indicate the proposed legislation would not create additional expenses in excess of \$100,000.

Oversight assumes the amount provided by the University of Missouri is absorbable within current funding levels.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Harrison County Public Health Department & Hospice** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and **Department of Social Services** each assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the following **health departments**: Audrain County Health Unit, Cass County Health Department, Henry County Health Center, Howell County Health Department, City of Independence Health Department, Jefferson County Health Department, Linn County Health

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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.

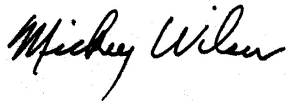
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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
University of Missouri
Columbia-Boone County Department of
Public Health and Human Services
Marion County Health Department
Harrison County Public Health Department & Hospice



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