

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4145-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1603  
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: February 12, 2016

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Bill Summary: This proposal allows law enforcement agencies to perform a criminal record review for open records for the purpose of hiring any ambulance district employee.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Criminal Records Fund	\$59,400	\$59,400	\$59,400
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$59,400</b>	<b>\$59,400</b>	<b>\$59,400</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ 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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(\$0 to \$116,235)</b>	<b>(\$0 to \$116,235)</b>	<b>(\$0 to \$116,235)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety's Missouri Highway Patrol (DPS/MHP)** assume there are 214 ambulance districts (service areas) in the state of Missouri. Currently, the Department of Health and Senior Services licenses emergency medical personnel employed with an ambulance district. The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division processes approximately 2,700 name-based criminal record checks for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) annually. Therefore, it is assumed that the number of criminal record checks (state and federal background check) processed for employment with an ambulance district would be similar to those processed for DHSS.

The charge for each background check processed is \$43.05. Twenty dollars for the state fingerprint check, \$14.75 for the federal check, and an \$8.30 charge for the electronic fingerprint option used through a third-party vendor ( $\$20 + \$14.75 + \$8.30 = \$43.05$ ). Of this amount, the state retains the \$20 fee and \$2 of the federal charge of the \$14.75 for a pass thru fee. The \$8.30 charge is paid directly to the vendor at the time of application.

Estimated Revenue FY17 and beyond	
2,700 x \$34.75 (state/federal background check)	\$93,825
Estimated Expense FY17 and beyond	
2,700 x \$12.75 (federal background check charge)	<u>\$34,425</u>
Net to Criminal Records Fund	\$59,400

Officials at the **Cole County Sheriff's Department** assume a cost of less than \$10,000 annually from this proposal.

Officials at **St. Louis County**, the **Boone County Sheriff's Department**, the **Jefferson City Police Department**, the **St. Louis County Police Department** and the **Springfield Police Department** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Callaway County Commission**, the **City of O'Fallon** and the **City of Kansas City** each assumed no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes that because Ambulance Districts are local political subdivisions, they would be paying for the cost of the license each year. Assuming DPS/MHP is running background checks on 2,700 individuals each year at \$43.05 each, this would result in \$116,235 in expenses to the Ambulance Districts. Oversight will therefore show the cost of a direct fiscal impact to Ambulance District Funds of \$0 to \$116,235 each year.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Christian, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Dent, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Mississippi, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following cities: Ashland, Belton, Bernie, Bonne Terre, Boonville, California, Cape Girardeau, Clayton, Columbia, Dardenne Prairie, Des Peres, Excelsior Springs, Florissant, Frontenac, Fulton, Gladstone, Grandview, Harrisonville, Independence, Jefferson City, Joplin, Kearney, Knob Noster, Ladue, Lake Ozark, Lee Summit, Liberty, Louisiana, Maryland Heights, Maryville, Mexico, Monett, Neosho, Pacific, Peculiar, Pineville, Popular Bluff, Raytown, Republic, Richmond, Rolla, Sedalia, Springfield, St. Charles, St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Robert, Sugar Creek, Sullivan, Warrensburg, Warrenton, Webb City, Weldon Spring and West Plains did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials from the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Cass County Sheriff Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff Department, Platte County Sheriff's Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department, St. Louis County Justice Services and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the St. Charles County Ambulance, the Taney County Ambulance District and the Valle Ambulance District did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>CRIMINAL RECORDS FUND</b>			
Revenue - DPS/MHP - from criminal records reviews done on ambulance district employees	<u>\$59,400</u>	<u>\$59,400</u>	<u>\$59,400</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CRIMINAL RECORDS FUND</b>	<u><b>\$59,400</b></u>	<u><b>\$59,400</b></u>	<u><b>\$59,400</b></u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS</b>			
<u>Costs - background check expenses</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$0 to \$116,235)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

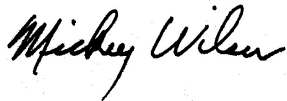
This bill authorizes ambulance districts by policy, rule, or regulation to require the fingerprinting of employment applicants or licensees in specified occupations for the purpose of receiving criminal history record information. Currently, only municipalities and counties by local or county ordinance have this authority.

HCA #1: This amendment repeals an outdated provision regarding the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES).

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 Public Safety  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
St. Louis County  
Callaway County Commission  
City of Kansas City  
City of O'Fallon  
Boone County Sheriff's Department  
Cole County Sheriff's Department  
Springfield Police Department  
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