

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6728-02
Bill No.: Perfected HB 2667
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Employees - Employers
Type: Original
Date: April 12, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal allows ambulance districts to conduct fingerprint background checks on current and prospective employees, contractors and volunteers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government*	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Distribution increases (decreases) net to zero.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety's Missouri Highway Patrol** assumes there are 214 ambulance districts (service areas) in the State of Missouri. Since this legislation would authorize and not require ambulance districts to perform a state and federal fingerprint-based criminal record check for employment purposes, the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division has no way to accurately estimate the number of record checks to be performed under this legislation; therefore, the fiscal impact is unknown.

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.

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight assumes this proposal allows ambulance districts to submit applicant fingerprints directly to the Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP) for the purpose of checking the person's criminal history and repeals the requirement that local law enforcement agencies submit the request to the MHP. Oversight assumes the number of requests submitted to the MHP each year would remain the same and there would be no impact to MHP funding. Local law enforcement agencies may experience a savings by not having to submit the requests to MHP (if they are not being reimbursed by the ambulance districts); ambulance districts may incur additional cost as a result of this proposal if they are not currently paying local law enforcement agencies for the cost of the background checks. The overall impact would be a net of zero to local political subdivisions.

Oversight notes the language in the proposal is permissive and will range unknown costs and savings from \$0 to unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2017
(10 Mo.)

FY 2018

FY 2019

LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Savings - Local Law Enforcement - from
not submitting background checks to
MHP

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

Cost - Ambulance Districts - submitting
background checks to MHP

\$0 to
(Unknown)

\$0 to
(Unknown)

\$0 to
(Unknown)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

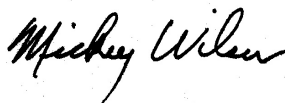
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill repeals an outdated provision regarding the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES). The bill also allows ambulance districts to adopt procedures for conducting fingerprint background checks on current and prospective employees, contractors, and volunteers.

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
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