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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0828-02  
Bill No.: HB 450  
Subject: Fishing and Hunting; Department of Conservation  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires a hunter at least six years of age but less than 15 years of age to hunt in the immediate presence of an adult hunter with a valid hunter education certificate card.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Missouri Conservation Fund	(Greater than \$100,000)	(Greater than \$100,000)	(Greater than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Greater than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Greater than \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Greater than \$100,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume this proposal would have a negative fiscal impact on their organization estimated to be greater than \$100,000 annually. MDC provided the following information to support their estimated impact.

<u>Youth Hunting Permits*</u>	<u>Sold in 2016</u>	<u>Resident Cost</u>	<u>Youth Cost</u>
Turkey	20,000	\$13.00	\$6.50
Archery	10,000	\$19.00	\$9.50
Firearms	<u>75,000</u>	\$17.00	\$8.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,000</b>		

\*Does not include youth landowner permits.

MDC states that if approximately 10% of the adults that accompany these youth hunters do not purchase the required permit the impact would create the negative estimate provided of greater than \$100,000. This estimate does not include small game, fishing or trapping permits.

Also, MDC provided this estimate does not include the fiscal impact to federal aid reimbursements which is \$17 for each person purchasing a hunting permit is returned to Missouri. During the years 2010 - 2014 the average number of certified hunters was 494,471 and 10% of this number would be 49,447. If the adult hunters in this scenario were only buying the hunter education certificate card to be with a youth hunter and not a hunting permit, the potential impact in federal funds would be at least \$840,599 annually.

**Oversight** will show a negative fiscal impact of greater than \$100,000 based on the 2016 number of youth hunting permits issued by MDC which does not include small game, fishing, trapping, and landowner permits.  $(105,000 \times 10\% = 10,500 \times \$16 \text{ average resident cost of permit} = \$168,000)$

**Oversight** will not show the potential impact in federal funds based on the scenario provided by MDC because it assumes all adult certified hunters purchased only a hunter education certificate card to be with youth hunters. Oversight assumes that the average of 49,447 certified numbers for adult hunters from 2010 through 2014 included permits for these adults to hunt and therefore, Missouri received the federal reimbursement for these permits. The “greater than” fiscal impact would include any potential loss in federal aid reimbursements.

Officials at the **Department of Agriculture** and **Department of Natural Resources** each assume this proposal will not have a fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government                      FY 2018                      FY 2019                      FY 2020  
 (10 Mo.)

**MISSOURI CONSERVATION FUND**

Loss - Revenue

Hunting, fishing, trapping, landowner permits issued to adults to accompany youth hunters                      (Greater than \$100,000)                      (Greater than \$100,000)                      (Greater than \$100,000)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI CONSERVATION FUND**                      **(Greater than \$100,000)**                      **(Greater than \$100,000)**                      **(Greater than \$100,000)**

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government                      FY 2018                      FY 2019                      FY 2020  
 (10 Mo.)

\$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 requires a person at least six years of age but less than 15 years of age possessing a valid hunting permit to hunt in the immediate presence of an adult hunter who is at least 18 years of age and has in his or her possession a valid hunter education certificate card. An adult hunter is not required to possess a hunting permit while accompanying the youth hunter.

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 Conservation  
 Department of Agriculture  
 Department of Natural Resources



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