

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Subject: Professional Registration and Licensing; County Officials; Department of Health and Senior Services; Vital Statistics  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to coroners.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	(\$487,150)	(\$54,962)	(\$55,550)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$487,150)</b>	<b>(\$54,962)</b>	<b>(\$55,550)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Missouri Coroners' Training Fund	\$50,750	\$60,900	\$60,900
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$50,750</b>	<b>\$60,900</b>	<b>\$60,900</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** assume the following:

#### Section 58.208-Division of Community and Public Health

For purposes of this fiscal note, the Bureau of Vital Records (BVR) assumes that the one dollar fee will be collected when the medical section of the death certificate is certified by a coroner, medical examiner, or physician. BVR processes on average 60,900 death certificates each year. Of these 60,900, 45,675 are filed and certified completely through the MoEVR electronic system. In order to collect the fee, the electronic system would need modification to require and accept payment of the one dollar fee before certification of the record could occur.

The remaining 15,225 of the 60,900 death certificates are filed through a paper process. The fee would be required when the certificate was received by BVR. To collect the fee on a paper copy, staff would be required to collect the fee, set up a system for holding certificates not submitted with the fee, provide correspondence related to the unpaid fee, and perform accounting procedures to report and submit the amount of fees collected daily to DHSS Fee Receipts Office. This additional responsibility increases the processing time of death certificates. In order to manage the collection of the fee on the death certificates filed through paper and ensure all death certificates are processed timely, BVR would require the addition of one Senior Office Support Assistant (\$26,340, annually).

DHSS is assuming that the MoEVR system will take credit card payments through the ManTech contract for the 45,675 electronic payments and these will feed directly into their program receipts. Therefore, the paper submissions are the only ones that fee receipts would have to process. DHSS Division of Administration is assuming it can absorb the work on those 15,225 deposits so we would not need any FTE. Therefore, the total fees estimated to be collected each year is \$50,750 for ten months in FY 2018 and \$60,900 (average of 60,900 death certificates processed each year x \$1) in FY 2019 and FY 2020.

IT cost will be incurred due to the modification of the vital records electronic system to accept payment of the one dollar fee. The modification would be completed by ManTech, the company IT has contracted with for this system. The estimated cost will be a one-time expense incurred in FY 2019. DHSS estimates 5,780.16 hours at \$75 per hour for a cost of \$433,512 in FY 19.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the proposed legislation could potentially increase Total State Revenue (Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund) by an estimated \$57,000 each fiscal year. The DOR took the total amount of deaths reported (provided by MO Health and Senior Services website) for 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 and calculated the average. The legislation could create a dollar for each death certificate created.

**Oversight** went to DHSS's website to obtain the data for those years. They are as follows:

2016 - 59,824  
2015 - 59,810  
2014 - 58,141  
2013 - 57,256

Officials at the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** and the **Office of the State Treasurer** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Officials at **St. Louis County** and **Boone County** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective entities from this proposal.

This proposal could increase Total State Revenues.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - DHSS</u>			
Salaries	(\$21,950)	(\$26,603)	(\$26,869)
Fringe Benefits	(\$15,509)	(\$18,689)	(\$18,768)
Expense and Equipment	(\$16,179)	(\$9,670)	(\$9,913)
ITSD Costs	<u>(\$433,512)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Total Costs - DHSS</u>	<u>(\$487,150)</u>	<u>(\$54,962)</u>	<u>(\$55,550)</u>
FTE Change - DHSS	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$487,150)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$54,962)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$55,550)</u></b>
Estimated Net FTE Change to the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>MISSOURI CORONERS' TRAINING FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue - DHSS - collection of \$1 fee on death certificates</u>	<u>\$50,750</u>	<u>\$60,900</u>	<u>\$60,900</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE MISSOURI CORONERS' TRAINING FUND</b>	<b><u>\$50,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,900</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund" and creates a \$1 fee for all death certificates in the state, which will be deposited into the fund. The bill specifies that, if a coroner is not current on his or her training, the Department of Health and Senior Services can prohibit that coroner from signing any death certificates.

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 Revenue  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration  
Office of the State Treasurer  
St. Louis County  
Boone County

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