

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1079-01  
Bill No.: HCR 17  
Subject: Social Services Department; Children and Minors; Public Assistance;  
Medicaid/MO HealthNet  
Type: Original  
Date: April 8, 2019

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Joint Committee on Social Services.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
General Revenue	(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)	(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

**Oversight** notes the mission of the Joint Committee on Social Services is to “study and review the efficacy and efficiency of public assistance programs in the state including, but not limited to, the electronic benefit transfer program, MO HealthNet, temporary assistance for needy families, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, child care subsidies, and other assistance programs operated by the Department of Social Services”. Oversight assumes the Joint Committee on Social Services may contract out this review. If so, it is possible contract costs could exceed \$100,000 in FY 2020 and FY 2021. The Joint Committee on Social Services terminates January 1, 2021.

Officials from the **Missouri Senate (SEN)** state, as written, the SEN would anticipate a negative fiscal impact to reimburse mileage for eight (8) appointees to attend committee meetings. It is unclear which appropriation will be fiscally responsible for travel reimbursement related to committee travel. The SEN assumes it will cost approximately \$100 per member, per committee meeting (approximately \$800 per meeting), during the legislative interim.

**Oversight** notes if the committee met for a total 5 times during the legislative interim, the cost for the joint committee is estimated at \$4,000 (\$800 \* 5). Oversight will reflect this member reimbursement in fiscal years 2020 & 2021.

Officials from the **Missouri House of Representatives (MHR)** assume this proposal will have no fiscal impact to their organization as joint committee member expenses are typically covered by the Senate’s Joint Contingent Expenses appropriation.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect no fiscal impact for the MHR for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from **Joint Committee on Legislative Research, Office of Revisor** assumes any staffing assistance to this joint committee from the Joint Committee on Legislative Research would be provided by the Oversight Division and as a such, assumes this proposal would have no additional cost.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor (GOV)** state this proposal creates the “Joint Committee on Social Services” which consists of two members appointed by the Governor, among others. There should be no added cost to the GOV as a result of this measure.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect no fiscal impact for the GOV for fiscal note purposes.

**Oversight** notes that the **Department of Social Services** has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on that organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for that organization.

Officials from the **Oversight Division** assume it is unknown what duties the task force will require of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research, Oversight Division. The potential impact is \$0 (no additional duties) to an unknown cost.

**Oversight** notes the proposal requires the task force to report a summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation by January 1, 2020. The task force shall terminate on January 1, 2021. Oversight will show a range of impact from \$0 (no additional duties) to an unknown cost to general revenue for staff support for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - joint committee member reimbursement	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	\$0
<u>Costs</u> - 3rd party studies of efficacy and effectiveness of public assistance programs	\$0 or (Unknown - could exceed \$100,000)	\$0 or (Unknown - could exceed \$100,000)	\$0
<u>Costs</u> - Oversight Staff support for task force	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<u><b>(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$4,000 to Unknown, Could exceed \$100,000)</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<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 "Joint Committee on Social Services" to study and review the success of public assistance programs in the state, determine the level and adequacy of resources needed for public assistance, and develop recommendations for promoting independence. The committee would consist of two members, from the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the Minority Leader, two members from the Senate, one shall be appointed by the President Pro Tem and one by the Minority Leader, two members appointed by the Governor, the Director of the Department of Social Services or designee, and another member appointed by the Director of the Department of Social Services. A report shall be provided to the General Assembly by January 1, 2020 and the joint committee shall terminate on January 1, 2021.

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 Social Services  
Office of the Governor  
Missouri House of Representatives  
Missouri Senate  
Joint Committee on Legislative Research -  
Office of Revisor  
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