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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2103-01
Bill No.: HB 971
Subject: Abortion; Crimes and Punishment
Type: Original
Date: March 19, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§188.035 - Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume any additional litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing personnel and resources. However, the AGO may seek additional appropriations if there is a significant increase in litigation.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

Oversight notes that the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** have stated the proposal would not have a fiscal impact on their organization. However, the creation of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors which may in turn result in additional costs which are difficult to determine. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

Oversight notes that the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, the **Department of Public Safety**, **Missouri State Highway Patrol**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of State Public Defender** have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these organizations.

Oversight notes that the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight contacted DOC officials regarding their no fiscal impact response. The DOC indicated no data exists on the number of convictions of murder in the second degree that are the result of the homicide of an aborted, live-born infant.

To estimate the impact of the bill, the DOC evaluated data from the state of Florida (only two years of data are available). In Florida, six fetuses were born alive after an attempted abortion in 2018 and eleven infants survived an abortion procedure in 2017. In 2018, a total of 70,083 abortions were performed in Florida, and in 2017, a total of 69,064 abortions were performed. Therefore, the percent of live-born aborted fetuses is 0.01%.

In 2017, the number of abortions performed in a facility located in Missouri was 3,903. Using the live-born fetus to abortions ratio from Florida, in a given year in Missouri, no fetuses are expected to be born alive during an abortion procedure. Therefore, no opportunity exists for violation of the penalties in the proposed legislation.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. As a result of the information provided by the DOC, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</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

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

Office of Attorney General
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety -
 Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
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