

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3434H.01I
 Bill No.: HB 1915
 Subject: Health Care Professionals; Mental Health; Department of Health and Senior Services
 Type: Original
 Date: January 16, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to perinatal care.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue*	(\$1,098,195 to \$2,099,893)	(\$1,141,124 to \$2,171,405)	(\$1,160,343 to \$2,207,924)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$1,098,195 to \$2,099,893)	(\$1,141,124 to \$2,171,405)	(\$1,160,343 to \$2,207,924)

*The fiscal impact is ranged from an additional 12 FTE in the Department of Health and Senior Services to an additional 23 FTE.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other State Funds</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§191.730 and 191.744 – Perinatal care and mental health screening for pregnant women

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §191.730.4 of the proposed legislation would require the DHSS to establish guidelines for health care professionals treating mental disorders and mental illnesses in pregnancy and make the guidelines available on its website. This would require an estimated 90 hours of staff time. This responsibility would fit with the Office on Women’s Health. The DHSS anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY25 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Section 191.744 of the proposed legislation would require the DHSS to establish a perinatal navigator program. A perinatal navigator program engages pregnant women in early prenatal care and provides referrals to pregnant women for wraparound services and home visiting programs in the local community. In 2019 there were 77,180 known pregnancies in Missouri. It is estimated that not all pregnancies will need support. Of those that do, many will need referrals only and not additional support for wraparound services. However, as the language is currently written, all pregnant women in the state would be eligible for the perinatal navigator program. If all pregnant people received only 30 minutes of time with the perinatal navigator during their entire pregnancy, that would require approximately 38,590 hours of staff time (77,180 pregnant women * 0.5 hours (30 minutes) = 38,590). If each employee worked full time (2,080 hours/year), the program would need 19 community health workers; four (4) in St. Louis, four (4) in Kansas City, and 11 covering the balance of state. The program would consist of one supervisor for the perinatal navigator program (Registered Nurse Spec/SPV, \$74,600), 19 regional community health workers to cover the entirety of the state (Public Health Program Associate, \$46,687), and one support staff (Administrative Support Assistant, \$36,511), both located in the Jefferson City office.

Additionally, the Division of Administration would require one (1) senior accounts assistant (\$51,064) and one (1) program specialist (\$71,039), to oversee invoice/payment processing and building issues/concerns related to the perinatal navigator program. The salaries listed for these positions reflect the average annual salary of staff in these positions within the Division of Community and Public Health as of December 2023.

Oversight assumes not all pregnant women would take advantage of the perinatal navigator program and the DHSS would not require 19 FTE Public Health Program Associates to provide regional community health services to pregnant women. However, since it is not known how many pregnant persons will use the perinatal navigator program, Oversight will range costs

between 12 and 23 FTE. Oversight assumes, that the minimum of 8 FTE Public Health Program Associates staff would be located: 1 in St. Louis, 1 in Kansas City and 6 around the state.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Corrections**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation**, the **Missouri Department of Transportation** and the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** defer to the MoDOT/MSHP Medical Plan for its response regarding the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – DHSS (§191.744) p. 3</u>			
Personal service	(\$505,592 to \$933,556)	(\$618,844 to \$1,142,672)	(\$631,221 to \$1,165,526)
Fringe benefits	(\$346,168 to \$649,729)	(\$420,104 to \$788,360)	(\$424,902 to \$797,218)
Equipment and expense	(\$246,435 to \$516,608)	(\$102,176 to \$240,373)	(\$104,220 to \$245,180)
<u>Total Costs - DHSS</u>	<u>(\$1,098,195 to \$2,099,893)</u>	<u>(\$1,141,124 to \$2,171,405)</u>	<u>(\$1,160,343 to \$2,207,924)</u>
FTE Change – DHSS	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$1,098,195 to \$2,099,893)</u>	<u>(\$1,141,124 to \$2,171,405)</u>	<u>(\$1,160,343 to \$2,207,924)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE	12 to 23 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

This proposal may impact small business healthcare providers and clinics if more pregnant women seek perinatal care. (§§191.730 and 191.744)

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires health care professionals that provide maternity health care services to, through the use of a validated and evidence-based verbal screening tool, screen for mental disorders and

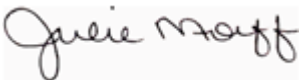
mental illnesses in all pregnant women as early as possible at the onset of prenatal care and throughout the pregnancy. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall establish guidelines for this purpose and make them available on their website.

Any pregnant woman found to have a mental disorder or mental illness shall be provided or referred for treatment. The Department shall establish a perinatal navigator program for the purpose of engaging pregnant women in early prenatal care and providing referral for wraparound services and home visiting programs in the local community. (§§191.730 and 191.744)

This legislation is not federally mandated and would not duplicate any other program, but may require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety – Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan



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