

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4616H.01I  
 Bill No.: HB 1979  
 Subject: Health Care Professionals; Health, Public; Children and Minors  
 Type: Original  
 Date: January 19, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to blood tests of pregnant women.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General	(\$16,106)	Could exceed (\$19,327)	Could exceed (\$19,327)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$16,106)</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$19,327)</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$19,327)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</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 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</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 \$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.

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

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §210.030 - Provisions relating to blood tests of pregnant women

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §210.030.1 of the proposed legislation would increase the number of patient samples that the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory would receive for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B testing.

Approximately 4.5% of women are pregnant at any one time so this percentage was used on the total number of female samples received for HIV and syphilis testing in 2023. An additional 500-800 samples a year would be tested for all conditions if this legislation passed. DHSS stated that not all samples come to them, some facilities use private labs to do their prenatal testing.

The estimated number of pregnant females was used in the calculations for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B expenses for both screening and confirmatory costs. Confirmatory numbers were based on current trends that are seen for each test.

The cost estimates are based upon the expected number of samples and cost per test with an applied algorithm for testing and confirmation.

HIV (765 samples \* \$6.90 per test) + \$216 confirmation testing = \$5,495  
Syphilis (585 samples \* \$3.00 per test) + \$1,037 confirmation testing = \$2,792  
Hepatitis B (500 samples \* \$7.52 per test = \$3,760)  
Hepatitis C (500 samples \* \$10.03 per test) + \$2,265 confirmation testing = \$7,280

The projected total per year would be \$19,327 in additional reagents and kit costs. The cost of reagents will go up each year with an inflation cost of 5% per year. The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory cannot absorb this cost. The workload for performing the additional testing can be absorbed by current staff.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary. Oversight notes this proposal does not have an emergency clause. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DHSS as \$16,106 in FY 2025 and “Could exceed \$19,327” in FY 2026 and FY 2027 due to inflationary costs of the reagents portion of the program expenditures.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS), Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

**Oversight** notes DPS/MHP’s deferral to MODOT for a statement of fiscal impact; for fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes no fiscal impact for DPS/MHP.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation**, the **Missouri Department of Transportation**, the **Oversight Division** and the **Newton County Health Department** 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.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies and hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
Costs – DHSS/MSPHL (§210.030) Additional testing supplies p. 3	(\$16,106)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$16,106)</u></b>	<b><u>Could exceed</u> <u>(\$19,327)</u></b>	<b><u>Could exceed</u> <u>(\$19,327)</u></b>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Certain small medical and laboratory businesses would be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

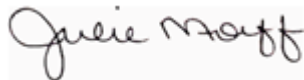
If a mother tests positive for syphilis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV, or any combination of such diseases, the physician or person providing care shall administer treatment in accordance with the most recent accepted medical practice. The Department of Health and Senior Services

shall make such rules pertaining to such tests as shall be dictated by accepted medical practice, and tests shall be of the types approved or accepted by the United States Food and Drug Administration. (§210.030)

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