

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6006H.011
 Bill No.: HB 2934
 Subject: Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services; Health Care
 Type: Original
 Date: March 19, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to the credentialing of community health workers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General	(\$93,391)	(\$96,460)	(\$98,090)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$93,391)	(\$96,460)	(\$98,090)

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	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 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

§192.358 - Credentialing of community health workers

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §192.358.2 of the proposed legislation requires DHSS to establish a process to verify the credentials of community health workers (CHW).

The assumptions are partially based on information DHSS receives monthly from the Missouri Credentialing Board which currently credentials community health workers in the state.

To implement this program, the Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH) would hire one (1) Public Health Program Specialist with an average salary within DCPH of \$52,824. The primary duties of the position:

- Process and verify CHW credential new applications.
- Process and verify CHW credential renewal applications.
- Identify existing and develop new CHW continuing education unit courses.

It is estimated that DHSS will receive 30 applications for credentialing each month, which means the program will verify credentials for 360 new community health workers annually.

The program will renew credentials for 250 community health workers annually. Most credentials require a renewal every 1-2 years. The renewal will require applicants to submit proof that they are keeping up with continued education.

DHSS does not have existing budget authority to absorb the costs of this program.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DHSS. However, Oversight assumes the DHSS would not need additional rental space for 1 FTE. Oversight notes, depending on the number of proposals passed during the legislative session that, cumulatively, DHSS may need additional rental space or capital improvements as determined by the Office of Administration, Facilities Management, Design and Construction.

Officials from the **Newton County Health Department** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs – DHSS, DCPH (§192.358) p. 3</u>			
Personal Service	(\$44,020)	(\$53,880)	(\$54,958)
Fringe Benefits	(\$29,578)	(\$35,903)	(\$36,321)
Expense & Equipment	(\$19,793)	(\$6,677)	(\$6,811)
Total Costs - DHSS, DCPH	(\$93,391)	(\$96,460)	(\$98,090)
FTE Change	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$93,391)	(\$96,460)	(\$98,090)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

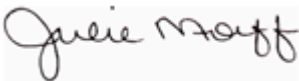
The Department of Health and Senior Services shall establish a process to verify the credentials of community health workers. Any community health worker may seek verification of his or her credentials from the department of health and senior services. If the DHSS verifies a community health worker's credentials, the community health worker may refer to that credentialed status in

his or her communications used in the course of his or her work as a community health worker.
(§192.358)

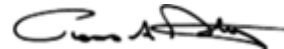
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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