COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0747H.01I
Bill No.: HB 268
Subject: Social Workers; Education, Higher; Professional Registration and Licensing
Type: Original
Date: February 19, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to master's social work degree programs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|------------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Estimated Net | | | | |
| Effect on General | | | | |
| Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | |
| | | | | |
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| Total Estimated Net | | | | |
| Effect on Other State | | | | |
| Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Estimated Net | | | | |
| Effect on <u>All</u> Federal | | | | |
| Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | |
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| Total Estimated Net | | | | |
| Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

□ 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 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | |
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| | | | | |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Sections 337.627 & 337.628 - Social Work Degree Programs

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** state costs are unknown at this time. The Committee for Social Workers is not aware of the number of pending accreditation programs in Missouri. Depending upon enrollment numbers, the Committee may need to hire additional staff. The committee may request additional FTE funding through the budget process.

Oversight assumes DCI is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DCI could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DCI could request funding through the appropriation process. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** 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.

| FISCAL IMPACT – State Government | FY 2026 (10 Mo.) | FY 2027 | FY 2028 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | (101100) | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| | | | |

| FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | (10 Mo.) | | |
| | | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal modifies provisions relating to social workers.

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 Social Services

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