

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1830H.02C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 927
Subject: Children's Division; Children and Minors; Family Law; Administration, Office
Of; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils
Type: Original
Date: March 31, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes provisions relating to fathership.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue	(Unknown, Could exceed \$133,342)	(Unknown, Could exceed \$155,994)	(Unknown, Could exceed \$157,574)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Unknown, Could exceed \$133,342)	(Unknown, Could exceed \$155,994)	(Unknown, Could exceed \$157,574)

*Costs for DSS FTE and grants. Oversight assumes the appropriation for grant funds could exceed \$250,000.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Missouri Fathership Project Grant Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Transfers and distributions net to zero.

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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§9.411 & 210.1150 – Fathership Month in Missouri and Fathership Project

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** defer to the Department of Social Services for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services – Division of Legal Services (DSS-DLS)** state this proposal will require the DSS-DLS to assist in the grant process as well as in executing contracts with grantees. Since the quantity scale of the grants is unknown, the quantity of legal work is similarly unknown. DSS-DLS is requesting 1 legal counsel to assist with the grants process.

Additionally, the activities set forth in the proposed legislation may not qualify for federal funding. If they do not, general revenue will be needed to fund these activities. This cost, with or without federal funding, is unknown but potentially significant depending on how much the General Assembly appropriates for the program.

Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DSS for Office of Fatherhood program expenses. Oversight assumes the appropriation for grant funds could exceed \$250,000.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Office of Administration**, the **Office of the State Treasurer** and the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs – DSS §210.1150</u>			
Personnel Service	(\$77,049)	(\$93,383)	(\$94,317)
Fringe Benefits	(\$42,380)	(\$51,214)	(\$51,576)
Expense & Equipment	(\$13,913)	(\$11,396)	(\$11,681)
Total Costs – DSS	(\$133,342)	(\$155,994)	(\$157,574)
FTE Change	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<u>Transfer Out – Appropriation to the Missouri Fathership Project Grant Fund §210.1150</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(Unknown, Could exceed <u>\$133,342</u>)	(Unknown, Could exceed <u>\$155,994</u>)	(Unknown, Could exceed <u>\$157,574</u>)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
MISSOURI FATHERSHIP PROJECT GRANT FUND			
<u>Transfer In</u> – Appropriation from General Revenue §210.1150	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Income</u> – Gifts, contributions, grants or bequests §210.1150	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost</u> – admin costs and distributions from the Family Support Division of DSS §210.1150	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE MISSOURI FATHERSHIP PROJECT GRANT FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<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

This bill designates the month of June as "Fathership Month" in Missouri, encouraging events and activities to raise awareness about the importance of fathers being a part of their children's lives.

Additionally, the bill establishes within the Department of Social Services' Family Support Division the "Missouri Fathership Project", to promote fathership and empower fathers to become successful in fathership.

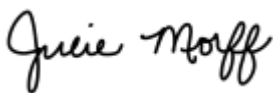
The bill establishes a grant program and accompanying fund for family-focused community agencies, faith-based agencies, family advocacy programs, and nonprofit organizations to apply for in order to hire, train, and facilitate fathership project specialists, who are to serve as a point of contact for fathers who want to reestablish and strengthen relationships with their children.

The bill specifies the duties of fathership project specialists, including, but not limited to, being dispatched to engage with a father who does not comply with a court-ordered case plan, at which point a court or the division is required to issue a referral to a partnering entity utilizing services from a fathership project specialist.

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 Social Services
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of Administration
 Budget and Planning
 Office of the Commissioner
Office of the State Treasurer
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