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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2031H.011
Bill No.: HB 803
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Public Health; Children and Minors
Type: Original
Date: February 24, 2025

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General	(\$18,525)	(\$23,342)	(\$24,509)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$18,525)	(\$23,342)	(\$24,509)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> 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
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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 (MSPHL) would receive for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B testing.

Approximately 4.5 percent 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 2024. An additional 500 to 800 samples a year would be tested for all conditions if this legislation passed.

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 times \$6.20 per test plus \$327.60 confirmation testing = \$5,071)
- Syphilis (675 samples times \$3.25 per test plus \$1,420.25 confirmation testing = \$3,614)
- Hepatitis B (500 samples times \$14.93 per test = \$7,465)
- Hepatitis C (500 samples times \$7.63 per test plus \$3,815 confirmation testing = \$6,080)

The projected total per year would be \$22,230 in additional reagents and kit costs. The cost of reagents will go up each year with an inflation cost of 5 percent per year. MSPHL 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 FY 2026 estimates as provided by the DHSS as \$18,525 ($\$22,230/12 \times 10$).

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 Department of Social Services, 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 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – DHSS/MSPHL (§ 210.030)</u> Additional testing supplies p. 3-4	<u>(\$18,525)</u>	<u>(\$23,342)</u>	<u>(\$24,509)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$18,525)</u>	<u>(\$23,342)</u>	<u>(\$24,509)</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

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

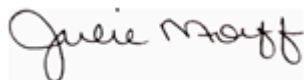
This bill requires an additional blood sample to be taken, with the woman's consent, at 28 weeks of pregnancy, and expands the list of diseases for screening to include hepatitis C and HIV. The bill also repeals a provision outlining the procedure for a later sample of a woman's blood in any area of the state designated as a syphilis outbreak area, and provides that if a woman tests positive for syphilis, hepatitis B or C, or HIV, or a combination thereof, the physician or person providing care must administer treatment in accordance with the most recent accepted medical practice to treat such diseases.

The bill additionally repeals a reference to the Missouri Genetic Disease Advisory Committee, granting the Department the sole authority to make rules pertaining to such tests, provided that the tests are of the types approved or accepted by the US Food and Drug Administration. The bill also repeals a requirement that approved and standard tests for these diseases must be made in a Department approved laboratory. (§ 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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