

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2381H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 984  
Subject: Hospitals; Department of Health and Senior Services  
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Bill Summary: This proposal specifies that the Department of Health and Senior Services shall not deny trauma center status to a hospital based on its distance from another trauma center.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General	(\$237,796)	(\$280,921)	(\$285,907)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$237,796)</b>	<b>(\$280,921)</b>	<b>(\$285,907)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>2 FTE</b>	<b>2 FTE</b>	<b>2 FTE</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **§ 190.241 - Trauma center designations**

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state § 190.241.1 of the proposed legislation prohibits the DHSS, Division of Regulation and Licensure (DRL), Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD) program from denying a qualified hospital designation of a level I, II, or III trauma center based solely on the distance or mileage between trauma centers.

As a result of the proposed legislation, TCD anticipates the addition of approximately 20 new program participants. This would require two (2) full-time Registered Nurses (annual salary of \$78,792) to process the additional applications and conduct the required inspections. The Registered Nurses will be remote and are expected to travel extensively; therefore, it is assumed travel will be double the standard cost at \$10,262.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DHSS.

Officials from the **Cass Regional Medical Center** state, for those who are already invested in the trauma program, this bill could be financial detrimental to the investments that have already been made and dedicated to trauma to include trauma coordinator, trauma registry, medical director, equipment, etc. Annual cost of these items alone for a Level III center is \$250,000. Need for additional trauma center should be based on geography to avoid diluting the program due to numbers and geographical locations.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential unknown loss to local regional medical centers and hospitals.

**Oversight** notes other 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
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs – DHSS, TCD (§ 190.241) p. 3</u>			
Personal service	(\$131,320)	(\$160,736)	(\$163,950)
Fringe benefits	(\$78,953)	(\$96,007)	(\$97,295)
Equipment and expense	(\$27,523)	(\$24,178)	(\$24,662)
Total Costs - DHSS, TCD	(\$237,796)	(\$280,921)	(\$285,907)
FTE Changes	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$237,796)</b>	<b>(\$280,921)</b>	<b>(\$285,907)</b>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost - regional medical centers and hospitals - duplicative services</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The bill specifies that the Department of Health and Senior Services will not deny trauma center status to a hospital based on its distance from another trauma center. (§ 190.241)

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

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