

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3999S.04T
 Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SCS for HCS for HB 1696
 Subject: Cemeteries; Children and Minors; Funerals and Funeral Directors; Guardians
 Type: Original
 Date: June 18, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the right of sepulcher.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

*OSCA potential unknown costs assumed to be less than \$250,000 annually.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.1700 – Background Checks for Residential Camp Staff Members and Volunteers

Oversight notes this section requires staff or volunteers at residential camps who are eighteen years or older to acquire a criminal background check prior to commencing employment or volunteer service. Oversight assumes the camp or the individual would be responsible for covering the expense of acquiring a criminal background check. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SCS for HCS for HB 1696 may have some impact but there is no way to quantify that amount currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Oversight notes OSCA assumes this proposal may have some impact on their organization although it can't be quantified at this time. As OSCA is unable to provide additional information regarding the potential impact, Oversight assumes the proposed legislation will have a \$0 or (Unknown) cost to the General Revenue Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight also assumes the impact will be under \$250,000 annually. If this assumption is incorrect, this would alter the fiscal impact as presented in this fiscal note. If additional information is received, Oversight will review it to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, and Department of Social Services** 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 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – OSCA (§§194.119 and 210.1700) – Potential increase in court costs p.3</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Current law establishes next-of-kin as it relates to the right of sepulcher to include any surviving parent of the deceased.

This bill modifies these provisions to have the surviving parent be considered next-of-kin if the deceased is not a minor. If the deceased is a minor with a court-appointed guardian, then the court-appointed guardian is to be considered next-of-kin unless the guardianship has been terminated.

The bill provides that religious, cultural, family, and individual beliefs of the deceased person must be considered when disposing of any human remains.

Additionally, the bill requires residential camp staff members or volunteers 18 years of age or older to be subject to a criminal background check prior to commencing employment or volunteer service. The bill specifies what must be included in the background check.

Upon completion of the background check, any staff member or volunteer 18 years of age or older will be ineligible for employment or volunteer service if the person:

(1) Is registered, or is required to be registered, on a state sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry; or

(2) Has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of certain offenses.

This bill contains a severability clause.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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