

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4186S.04C
 Bill No.: SCS for HCS for HB 1840
 Subject: Autism; Children and Minors; Disabilities; Emergencies; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Lotteries; Mental Health; Motor Vehicles; Department of Public Safety; Department of Revenue; Department of Transportation
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with disabilities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$225,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$225,000)	\$0	\$0

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

§301.287 – Persons with Impaired or Limited Ability to Communicate with Law Enforcement (Mason’s Law)

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed language the department will be required to:

- Design a new form
- Update the department’s website
- Create correspondence letters
- Create procedures
- Train department staff

Because of the limited timeframe between the proposed language’s effective date and the anticipated integration of motor vehicle processes into the FUSION system, implementation of this bill will coincide with the launch of the modernized system.

FY 2027 – Motor Vehicle Bureau

Associate Research/Data Analyst 150 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$4,674

Research/Data Analyst 50 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,857

Administrative Manager 40 hrs. @ \$51.40/hr. =\$2,056

FY 2027 – Strategy & Communications Office

Associate Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. @ \$31.16/hr. =\$1,246

Research/Data Analyst 50 hrs. @ \$37.14/hr. =\$1,857

Total = \$11,690

Oversight assumes DOR will use existing staff and will not hire additional FTE to conduct these activities; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the administrative costs DOR has indicated on the fiscal note.

FUSION Impact

DOR notes: 500 hours of Development + 500 hours of Testing @ \$225/hr. = **\$225,000**

Development includes:

- Integrate disability status into existing vehicle registration transactions (new registration, renewal, registration correction)
- New standalone transaction to allow adding/modifying/renewing the disability status
- eService request to add/update/remove/renew
- Define system rules for reapplication letter
- Updates to MULES interface

The fiscal impact estimated above is based on changes in the current Department's Motor Vehicle system environment. The implementation of this legislation will be coordinated with the integration of the Department's Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing software system approved and passed by the General Assembly in 2020 (Senate Bill 176). To avoid duplicative technology development and associated costs to the state, it is recommended a delayed effective date be added to this bill to correlate with the installation of the new system.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the FUSION estimate as provided by DOR.

§650.535 – Purple Alert System (RJ's Law)

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director's Office (DPS-DO)** assume this proposal creates the Purple Alert system within DPS.

Before July 1, 2027, DPS will coordinate with MSHP, MoDOT, DHSS, state lottery and local law enforcement to:

- Develop training program
- Implement Alert system
- Establish policies and procedures
- Promulgate rules for the section

DPS-DO assumes they will require one (1) Benefit Program Specialist (\$53,315 annually) and software costs of \$500,000 in FY 2027 in addition to \$250,000 per year thereafter for software maintenance.

Oversight assumes local law enforcement agencies would opt to participate in this new alert system and the DPS-DO could assign the Purple Alert system to the Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP). The way other alert systems work is the person reporting the endangered person goes to their local law enforcement agency. If the criteria the reporting person gives law enforcement meets the criteria for an alert to be issued, the law enforcement agency contacts the MHP and MHP "pushes" out the alert. The MHP notes they already have the infrastructure in place to support another alert system. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes the DPS-DO does not need additional FTE to implement the provisions of this proposal.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Safety-Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Lottery Commission, Phelps County Sheriff, Branson Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, and St. Louis County Police Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local law enforcement agencies were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DOR (§301.287) FUSION p.3-4</u>	<u>(\$225,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$225,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027	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

This act establishes "Mason's Law". Beginning January 1, 2027, a Missouri resident with a health condition or disability that limits or impairs their ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement may apply to the Department of Revenue for a designation associated with their motor vehicle license plate number. The application for the designation shall be on a form developed by the Department and signed by a physician or psychologists, as described in the act, certifying that the applicant or the applicant's child, parent, or spouse has a physical or mental health condition that is likely to impair the ability to communicate effectively with law enforcement and that such impairment shall persist for at least five years. The Highway Patrol shall make an entry in the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System concerning the designation and such entry shall remain active for five years unless reactivated.

The Department of Public Safety shall issue guidance and education materials to all law enforcement agencies in this state to promote awareness of the designation established in this act.

This act establishes "RJ's Law". This act establishes the "Purple Alert System" within the Department of Public Safety to aid in the identification and location of missing persons with developmental disabilities whose disappearance poses a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to themselves. Before July 1, 2027, the Department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies and local law enforcement agencies, develop a training program and alert system that is compatible with existing alert systems in the state, including training for law

enforcement officers to understand developmental disabilities and to respond effectively to a reported missing person emergency when the person has a developmental disability. 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 Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Revenue
Department of Public Safety
 Director's Office
 Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Office of the Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri Lottery Commission
Phelps County Sheriff
Branson Police Department
St. Louis County Police Department
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