

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to noncommunicable disease surveillance conducted by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$515,083)	(\$555,156)	(\$564,953)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$515,083)</b>	<b>(\$555,156)</b>	<b>(\$564,953)</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

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

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>4 FTE</b>	<b>4 FTE</b>	<b>4 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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §192.037 - Noncommunicable Disease Surveillance

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state section 192.037.2 of the proposed legislation requires Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) to include alpha-gal syndrome and Lyme diseases as reportable conditions. Lyme disease is already a reportable condition in Missouri. Therefore, there would be no change or fiscal impact specific to the addition of Lyme disease.

Section 192.037.3.2 and Section 192.037.4 of the proposed legislation requires all laboratories to report all positive tests for alpha-gal syndrome that meet the specified testing result threshold as a case to Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services using an electronic laboratory reporting system developed by the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services.

The data currently available indicate Missouri is among the states with the highest prevalence of alpha-gal syndrome. The number of positive laboratory results for Missouri residents is estimated to range between 3,000 and 5,000 positive results per year. The expected number of reports received is an estimate based on aggregate laboratory data from 2022, national publications on the topic, experiences from another states, and current data for other tick-borne communicable diseases in Missouri. The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, Office of Epidemiology and Bureau of Data Modernization and Interoperability (DMI) would be required to expand the current reportable disease surveillance system platform to allow for the electronic reporting, receipt, management, and storage of positive laboratory results from the commercial laboratories. In addition, the reportable disease surveillance system would need to be expanded to enable the subsequent collection and storage of case-based data resulting from the subsequent follow up case investigations required in proposed Section 192.037.5. The estimated costs for these bureaus include 1.00 FTE Senior Research/Data Analyst- \$86,434 annual salary. The Office of Epidemiology will require a new 1.0 FTE Public Health Program Associate - \$61,098 annual salary to track and stage disease reports submitted by laboratories in reportable disease surveillance system.

Section 192.037.5 of the proposed legislation requires DHSS to follow up on reported cases (positive laboratory results) of alpha-gal syndrome by applying an appropriate random sampling method for confirming that cases meet the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveillance case definition for alpha-gal syndrome.

Section 192.037.6 of the proposed legislation requires DHSS to submit an annual report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention summarizing its findings related to the reporting and incidence of alpha-gal syndrome and Lyme disease.

The Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention would work in collaboration with Missouri's State Epidemiologist to define an appropriate random sampling method for

determining the number of positive laboratory results to investigation. Preliminary estimates indicate up to 400 investigations would be warranted to ensure enough cases have follow up investigations completed. Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention epidemiologists would conduct the 400 follow up investigations by obtaining clinical information from the medical providers/clinic that ordered and likely interviewing the individual with the positive test. The data collected would be entered into the reportable disease surveillance system, followed by an analysis of the data. The Department will need 2.00 additional FTE (2.0 Associate Epidemiologists – \$86,434 annual salary. These requested staff will also develop an annual report regarding alpha-gal syndrome case data for submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

Officials from the **Newton County Health Department** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local health departments and hospitals 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost – DHSS (\$192.037) p.3-4</u>			
Personal service	(\$267,675)	(\$327,634)	(\$334,187)
Fringe benefits	(\$162,112)	(\$197,118)	(\$199,754)
Equipment and expense	(\$85,296)	(\$30,404)	(\$31,012)
<b>Total Costs - DHSS</b>	<b>(\$515,083)</b>	<b>(\$555,156)</b>	<b>(\$564,953)</b>
FTE Change - DHSS	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$515,083)</b>	<b>(\$555,156)</b>	<b>(\$564,953)</b>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE

<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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to designate noncommunicable diseases that are of public health concern, including Lyme disease and alpha-gal syndrome, and enforce orders, findings, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of these diseases and to determine their prevalence in the state. Any required case report for noncommunicable disease must be submitted to the Department within seven days of receiving a positive laboratory confirmation. For any case other than alpha-gal, the entity responsible for submitting the report shall be the health care provider treating the patient.

For any case of alpha-gal syndrome, the laboratory finalizing the positive test result is the responsible entity. The Department is required to follow up on reported cases of alpha-gal syndrome by applying a random sampling method for confirmation that the cases meet the current CDC surveillance case definition of the disease. The Department is also required to submit an annual report to the CDC summarizing its findings related to the reporting and incidences of the diseases specified under the provisions of this bill.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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