

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4267H.04P
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 1855
Subject: Health, Public; Department of Health and Senior Services
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to disease surveillance 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	(\$243,212)	(\$260,039)	(\$264,587)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$243,212)	(\$260,039)	(\$264,587)

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
General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE

- 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

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency 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.

§192.020 - Noncommunicable Disease Surveillance

In response to a previous version, HCS for HB 1855 (2026), officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** stated section 192.020.2 of the proposed legislation requires the DHSS to include alpha-gal syndrome as reportable condition.

Section 192.020.3 (1) and Section 192.020.3 (2) 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 within seven days 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. It is estimated the number of positive laboratory results for Missouri residents will be 5,000 or more 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. 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 192.020.3 (3) of the proposed legislation states that subject to appropriations, DHSS may follow up on reported cases (positive laboratory results) of alpha-gal syndrome by applying an appropriate random sampling method for confirmation that cases meet the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveillance case definition for alpha-gal syndrome. Reporting under this subdivision shall commence no later than six months after the effective date of this section.

Section 192.020.3 (4) 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. The Department believes it can absorb the cost of the annual report as outlined in the bill.

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

In response to a previous version, HCS for HB 1855 (2026) officials from the **Newton County Health Department** assumed the proposal would 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.

House Amendment 1

House Amendment 1 changes the language in 192.020.3(3) to state that DHSS “shall” follow up on reported cases of alpha-gal syndrome, rather than “may”.

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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DHSS (\$192.020) p.3-4</u>			
Personal service	(\$123,618)	(\$151,309)	(\$154,335)
Fringe benefits	(\$76,946)	(\$93,528)	(\$94,746)
Equipment and expense	(\$42,648)	(\$15,202)	(\$15,506)
Total Costs - DHSS	(\$243,212)	(\$260,039)	(\$264,587)
FTE Change - DHSS	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$243,212)	(\$260,039)	(\$264,587)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 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

Creates provisions relating to disease surveillance conducted by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

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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