

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4606H.011
Bill No.: HB 1965
Subject: Athletics; Insurance - Health
Type: Original
Date: February 4, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to athletic trainers.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$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

§§376.427 & 376.1575 - Athletic Trainers

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** assume this proposal would add ‘athletic trainer’ to the definition of “provider” in section 376.427 and to the definition of “practitioner” in section 376.1575. This would affect the insurance divisions of the Department because section 376.427 provides instructions to insurers, insureds, and providers on how to pay for services rendered. The Department must ensure that another group of providers, athletic trainers, comply with the laws in addition to the groups of providers that are already a part of the statute. 376.1575’s addition of ‘athletic trainer’ to the definition of ‘practitioner’ will affect how health carriers assess a health care practitioner’s credentialing application, and how they should provide payments for covered health services. Previously, health carriers would not be required to assess the credential applications or payments for covered health services for athletic trainers.

The department believes the costs of this bill can be absorbed within current appropriations. However, should the cost exceed the anticipated amount, the department would request an increase to FTE and/or appropriations as appropriate through the budget process.

Officials from the DCI assume the cost of the proposal can be absorbed. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary of State, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan and City of Kansas City** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities 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
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</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

A direct fiscal impact to athletic trainers could be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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 Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
 Department of Social Services
 Missouri Department of Conservation
 Missouri Department of Transportation
 Office of the Secretary of State
 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
 Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
 City of Kansas City

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