

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4607H.011
 Bill No.: HB 2418
 Subject: Victims of Crime; Crimes and Punishment
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the " Missouri Crime Victims Fund".

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	Could exceed (\$81,011)	Could exceed (\$98,830)	Could exceed (\$100,480)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	Could exceed (\$81,011)	Could exceed (\$98,830)	Could exceed (\$100,480)

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	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 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

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

§595.047 – Missouri Crime Victims Fund

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director's Office (DPS-DO)** assume this proposal creates the new fund, assuming it will be in the Department of Public Safety, 1 FTE is requested to disburse funding. Adding one FTE will not require any additional space for DPS-DO, but if additional FTE are added, additional space will be needed.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates for 1 FTE as provided by DPS-DO.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** state this proposal creates a new "Missouri Crime Victims Fund" that disburses funding to local governments and other entities eligible for victim assistance grants under the federal Victims of Crime Act. The Missouri Crime Victims Fund will consist of gifts, contributions, grants, or other donations from any public or private source. To the extent the creation of this fund induces additional gifts, contributions, grants, or other donations, total state revenue may increase by an unknown amount.

However, there is already an administratively created fund within the Department of Public Safety, the Crime Victims Compensation Fund (1191) that is set up for this purpose using federal funding.

There is also the statutorily created Crime Victims Compensation Fund (1681) created by RSMo 595.045 as well as the statutorily created Services to Victims Fund (1592) created in RSMo 595.100. Those funds already provide for services and assistance for victims. However, it is unclear if those funds could be used in the manner described in the proposed legislation.

Oversight notes this proposed legislation creates "Missouri Crime Victims Fund" in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants, or other donations from any public or private source. The funds will be disbursed to entitlement jurisdictions, eligible entities, or local government entities that are eligible for victim assistance grants under federal law and related regulations, and the eligible jurisdictions and entities will use the funds for the same purposes as those jurisdictions or entities can use the grants under federal law and related regulations. Oversight assumes moneys in the new fund will total less than \$250,000 annually and will be spent on services in the same fiscal

year as they are appropriated. Therefore, Oversight will reflect that unknown income and expenditures will net to \$0 for fiscal note purposes.

In response to similar legislation, SB 1242 (2026), officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume any potential litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in litigation or investigation costs.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state this legislation establishes the Missouri Crime Victims Fund. A Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Fund has already been established in the treasury (§595.045). It is unknown whether this new fund will replace the current one or if there will be two funds. §595.045 requires DOC to collect the fees owed for CVC and send them to the county clerks. The proposed legislation does not have this requirement.

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 Social Services, Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of the State Public Defender, Office of the State Treasurer and City of Kansas City** 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other city and county officials 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 – DPS-DO (§595.047) p.3</u>			
Personal service	(\$40,390)	(\$49,437)	(\$50,426)
Fringe benefits	(\$29,858)	(\$36,220)	(\$36,617)
Equipment and expense	(\$10,763)	(\$13,173)	(\$13,437)
Total Costs - DPS-DO	(\$81,011)	(\$98,830)	(\$100,480)
FTE Change - DPS-DO	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<u>Transfer Out (§595.047) To the Missouri Crime Victims Fund p.3</u>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	Could exceed (\$81,011)	Could exceed (\$98,830)	Could exceed (\$100,480)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
MISSOURI CRIME VICTIMS FUND			
<u>Revenue Gain (§595.047) Appropriations, gifts, contributions, grants or donations p.3</u>	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Transfer In (§595.047) from General Revenue p.3</u>	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Transfer Out (§595.047) Grants to entitle jurisdictions, eligible entities, or local governmental entities p.3</u>	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI CRIME VICTIMS FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Transfer In</u> - Entitlement jurisdictions, eligible entities, or local government entities (§595.047) From the Missouri Crime Victims Fund p.3	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Cost</u> – Entitlement jurisdictions, eligible entities, or local government entities (§595.047) Victim support services p.3	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<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 creates the "Missouri Crime Victims Fund", which will be a dedicated fund. The funds will be disbursed to entitlement jurisdictions, eligible entities, or local government entities that are eligible for victim assistance grants under federal law and related regulations, and the eligible jurisdictions and entities will use the funds for the same purposes as those jurisdictions or entities can use the grants under federal law and related regulations. Such purposes include victim support services, such as lost wages, counseling, and medical costs.

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

Attorney General’s Office
 Budget and Planning
 Department of Corrections
 Department of Public Safety
 Director’s Office

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