

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5135H.01I
Bill No.: HB 1966
Subject: Insurance - Health; Drugs and Controlled Substances
Type: Original
Date: January 21, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to insurance coverage of alternatives to opioid drugs.

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

§376.1280 - Insurance Coverage of Alternatives to Opioid Drugs

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** assume this proposal specifies that in situations where a health care provider prescribes a nonopioid medication for the treatment of acute pain, a health benefit plan may not deny coverage of the nonopioid drug in favor of an opioid drug; may not require the enrollee to try an opioid before covering the nonopioid drug, or require higher cost-sharing for the nonopioid drug than for the opioid drug.

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 in FTE and/or appropriations as appropriate through the budget process.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agency has stated the cost of the proposal can be absorbed. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City** state the proposed legislation has a negative fiscal impact of an indeterminate amount.

Oversight assumes City of Kansas City could absorb the costs related to this proposal. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation** and **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan** 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.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

<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

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would 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
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
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