

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5538H.02C
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 1910
 Subject: Children and Minors; Courts; Family Law; Drunk Driving/Boating; Victims of Crime
 Type: Original
 Date: April 20, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal creates "Bentley and Mason's Law" relating to child maintenance orders for certain persons convicted of the offense of driving while intoxicated.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	\$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

§454.1050 – Child Maintenance Orders for Certain Persons Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state this proposal would have an impact in Show-Me Courts and possibly other systems. It is estimated the fiscal impact would be \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to develop a new Child Support module.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimate provided by OSCA.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Corrections, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Office of the State Public Defender, University of Missouri System, University of Central Missouri, Northwest Missouri State University,** and the **University of Central Missouri** 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.

In response to similar legislation, SB 235 (2025), officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** assumed 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, county circuit clerks and other colleges and universities 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 – OSCA (\$454.1050) New child support module p.3</u>	(\$500,000 to <u>\$1,000,000</u>)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$500,000 to <u>\$1,000,000</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

This bill establishes "Bentley and Mason's Law". Under this bill, if a person is convicted of the offense of driving while intoxicated and such offense caused the death of a parent or guardian, and the surviving parent or guardian files a petition to receive child maintenance from the convicted person, such person may pay, pursuant to a court order, child maintenance to the child of the deceased parent or guardian in an amount and duration as specified in the bill.

If the person ordered to pay child maintenance is unable to make maintenance because such person is imprisoned or otherwise confined, then the person will have up to one year after release from incarceration to begin payment, including any arrearage.

If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action and obtains a judgment against the convicted person prior to any child maintenance order under this section, no maintenance will be ordered. If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action after maintenance is ordered, the maintenance order must offset the judgment. The maintenance order can be modified only upon a showing of changed circumstances so substantial and continuing as to make the terms unreasonable.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
Department of Corrections
Department of Revenue
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Public Defender
University of Missouri System
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