

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5783H.01P
 Bill No.: Perfected HB 2408
 Subject: Disabilities; Health Care; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils;
 Children and Minors; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
 Type: Original
 Date: March 31, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions governing grants to deaf-blind individuals and families.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

*Oversight notes the proposal removes the cap on grants to organizations providing deaf-blind services pursuant to §161.412. Oversight does not anticipate the allowed increase in grants to exceed the \$250,000 threshold but notes the grants are subject to appropriation.

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

*Oversight assumes revenue and expenses net to zero.
 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

§161.412 – Grants for Deaf-Blind Individuals and Families

Officials from **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume no measurable impact to DESE. The total amount of grants will be dependent upon appropriations.

Oversight assumes this proposal removes the \$300,000 cap on the total amount of grants.

Oversight notes program expenditure history has approached the \$300,000 cap. Oversight notes, based on information found in DESE's FY 2027 Program book, the projected expenditure for FY 2026 will reach the cap. Therefore, Oversight assumes if the proposal removes the cap, more money could be requested through the appropriation process. However, it is unknown how much the increase would amount to. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a \$0 (no additional increase) or unknown cost to General Revenue. Based on expenditure history, Oversight does not anticipate the allowed increase in grants to exceed the \$250,000 threshold but notes the grants are subject to appropriation.

Oversight has provided the program expenditure history as noted in the DESE FY 2027 Program Book.

Year	Appropriation	Program Expenditure
2023	\$300,000	(\$284,401)
2024	\$300,000	(\$284,392)
2025	\$300,000	(\$232,689)
2026 (Projected)	\$300,000	(\$300,000)

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and **Department of Social Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to similar legislation, HB 1308 (2025), officials from **East Buchanan Co. C-1 School District** assumed 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 school districts 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</u> – (\$161.412) Removal of the cap on grant appropriation p.3	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</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

Current law governs provisions on grants provided by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, with a cap on the total amount of grants of no more than \$300,000 annually. This bill repeals that annual cap.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services



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