

MMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6086H.03C
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 2742
 Subject: Motor Vehicles; Buses; Children and Minors; Roads and Highways
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal increases the penalties for failing to stop for a school bus and allows school districts the option of installing cameras to detect such violations.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$56,250)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$56,250)	\$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

§§160.3300, 302.302 & 304.070 – Failing to Stop for a School Bus

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed legislation, the Department will:

- Update Missouri driver guide
- Update Missouri motorcycle operator manual
- Update website information
- Update interactive applications for automated responses to customers through online system
- Work with MSHP and OSCA to define new charge codes and conviction codes for new 5-point violation

FY 2027 – Driver License Bureau

Associate Research Data Analyst 240 hrs. x \$31.16 per hr. = \$7,478

Research/Data Analyst 280 hrs. x \$37.14 per hr. = \$10,399

Administrative Manager 80 hrs. x \$51.40 per hr. = \$4,112

FY 2027 – Strategy and Communications Office (forms and website updates)

Associate Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. x \$31.16 per hr. = \$1,246

Total = \$23,235

Oversight assumes DOR will use existing staff and will not hire additional FTE to conduct these activities; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the administrative costs DOR has indicated on the fiscal note.

FUSION Impact

DOR notes: Implementation Consultant Fee 250 hrs. x \$225 per hour = **\$56,250**

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

Revenue Impact

DOR notes statistical information is not available to confirm the possible school bus stop violations that may result in points assessment and suspensions. The work will be absorbed

without additional staffing unless volume of violations would require FTE to manage daily operations. If such occurs, the Department would be required to submit a request for budget appropriations.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Public Safety-Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of the State Public Defender and Missouri Department of Transportation** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** assume there is no measurable fiscal impact to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. The enactment of new crimes creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors and the circuit attorney that may in turn result in additional costs that are difficult to determine.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **High Point R-III School District** assumed there would be a fiscal impact but did not provide any additional information.

Oversight notes, per the Office of the State Courts Administrator, the following misdemeanor convictions for violations of §304.050:

2025	0
2024	128
2023	102
2022	75
2021	62

Oversight notes there were no felony convictions for the same time period.

Oversight notes this proposal adds fines for violations of §304.050.1:

- \$500 to \$1,000 for a first offense
- \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a second offense (within a five-year period)
- \$1,500 to \$3,000 for a third offense (within a five-year period)

In addition, no court shall suspend any portion of these fines, and they may not be disposed of through the State Fine Collection Center or by paying the fine without an appearance in open court.

Oversight notes a violation of the provisions of this proposal results in a misdemeanor or felony charge which carries a fine in addition to any individual county/municipal fees and court costs. The fine revenue for the ticket goes to local school funds and court costs go to various state and local funds.

Oversight assumes there will be some (less than \$250,000) amount of fine revenue from violations of the statute. For simplicity, Oversight will not reflect the increased revenue from fines and court costs to various state funds and local political subdivisions.

Below are examples of some of the state and local funds which court costs are distributed to:

	Fee Amount
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	\$8.00
Clerk Fee	\$15.00 (\$12 State/\$3 County)
County Fee	\$25.00
State Court Automation Fund	\$7.00
Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	\$7.50
DNA Profiling Analysis Fund	\$15.00
Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Fund	\$1.00
Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund	\$1.00
Brain Injury Fund	\$2.00
Independent Living Center Fund	\$1.00
Sheriff's Fee	\$10.00 (County)
Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Attorney Training Fund	\$5.00
Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	\$5.00 (\$2.50 State/\$2.50 County)
Spinal Cord Injury Fund	\$2.00

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – DOR (§§160.3300, 302.302 & 304.070) FUSION p.3</u>	(\$56,250)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$56,250)</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

Currently, a person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if they pass a stopped school bus in the process of loading or unloading students; the person is guilty of a class E felony if the offense results in the injury of any child; and a class D felony if the offense results in the death of any child. The court can order the suspension of a person's license for 90 days after a first offense and 120 days after a second or subsequent offense. These suspensions are in addition to other suspensions for other violations of law.

This bill adds fines for each offense and changes the provisions regarding suspended licenses as follow:

- (1) For a first offense, a person is subject to a fine of at least \$500, but not more than \$1,000, and the court can suspend their license at its discretion;
- (2) For a second offense within five years, a person is subject to a fine of at least \$1,000, but no more than \$2,000, and their license will be suspended for 90 days; and
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense within five years, a person is subject to a fine of at least \$1,500, but not more than \$3,000, and their license will be suspended for 180 days.

No court can suspend any portion of these fines, and no offense can be disposed of through the State fine collection center or payment of a fine without an appearance in open court. The defendant must appear in court in person or by attorney for deposition.

Each instance of failing to stop for a school bus that is loading or unloading students will also result in 5 points being assessed to the driver's license.

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 Revenue
Missouri Department of Transportation
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of the State Courts Administrator

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Office of the State Public Defender
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
High Point R-III School District

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