

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill No.: HB 2593
 Subject: Veterans; Military Affairs
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies various provisions relating to military affairs.

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)

*The fiscal impact to General Revenue could exceed the \$250,000 threshold depending on the level of appropriation to the Missouri National Guard Cybersecurity Revolving Fund, if any.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Missouri National Guard Cybersecurity Revolving Fund**	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

**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

§41.216 – Missouri Family Relief Fund

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** assume 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 the agency.

§§41.475, 41.598, and 41.599 – Creation of New Missouri National Guard Ribbons

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** state that the program will cost the department \$2,100 (\$700 per ribbon category for initial setup) for the original production of each of the ribbons and then \$600 annually (\$200 per ribbon category) to restock and will also be able to absorb the cost of the ribbons. The original estimation is 100 ribbons per program.

Oversight notes that these sections create three new ribbons that can be awarded to MONG members that meet the qualifications set forth by the Adjutant General.

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

§§41.1015-41.1018 - Cybersecurity Mission Act

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** state that there is no fiscal impact. If the legislation passes, then the Missouri National Guard would need spending authority in its budget for the fund created by that legislation.

Oversight notes that this proposal creates the “Cybersecurity Mission Act”, which provides that the Missouri National Guard may engage in cybersecurity, cyber-attack prevention, cyber-attack response, and cyber-attack support activities for this state and for political subdivisions, governing bodies, public colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, utility companies, and critical infrastructure facilities of this state.

Oversight notes that this proposal also creates the “Missouri National Guard Cybersecurity Revolving Fund” and shall consist of monies appropriated by the General Assembly and monies received as a charge and monies received as reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Missouri National Guard related to rendering aid under this act. For simplicity, Oversight assumes any funds will be utilized in the year in which they were received.

Oversight will reflect a \$0 (no appropriation) or unknown transfer from General Revenue to the Missouri National Guard Cybersecurity Revolving Fund for reimbursement of the expenses incurred.

§§42.300, 42.311, 42.312, 42.313, 42.315, and 42.316 - Veterans Commission Service Recognition Updates

In response to similar legislation, SB 1003 (2026), officials from the **Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC)** state that there is a limited fiscal impact as MVC is already creating forms and soliciting designs for medallions, medals and certificates.

Oversight assumes the MVC is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes the MVC could absorb the costs related to this provision. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, the MVC could request funding through the appropriation process.

§173.239 – Missouri National Guard Education Assistance Updates

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** stated that removing the GI Bill language will make it easier for post-secondary institutions to process the current tuition waiver. Currently, some GI Bill payments go directly to the service members for living expenses, etc. which makes it almost impossible for the colleges to track.

Upon further inquiry, the MONG stated there are currently approximately 11,000 active MONG members and for the fall 2025 semester, 630 members utilized the state tuition assistance program.

In addition, the current reimbursement rate a member of the MONG receives is up to to \$383 per undergraduate credit hour completed with a maximum of 15 credit hours for spring semester and 15 credit hours for fall semester and 9 summer hours. The proposal will have no fiscal impact on the MONG as it will continue to provide tuition assistance up to their maximum amount.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for the agency.

Officials from **Northwest Missouri State University (NMSU)** state that there could be a negative impact on tuition and fees and revenue based on unreimbursed loss of tuition and mandatory fee revenue for each eligible National Guard student receiving a waiver.

NMSU further states that it is estimated that the proposal would result in an annual reduction in tuition and fee revenue ranging from approximately \$240,000 to \$1,200,000, with a most likely impact of approximately \$600,000 per fiscal year, depending on National Guard enrollment and availability of federal education benefits. Any revenue loss would be absorbed through institutional operating funds in the absence of state reimbursement.

Officials from the **University of Central Missouri (UCMO)** state that there could be an indeterminate fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes that there will not be a fiscal impact for either NMSU or UCMO due to the removal of the GI Bill educational entitlements (§173.239.1) within the proposal.

§41.220 – Repeal of the Military Council

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard** assume 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 notes this section repeals the Military Council, which duties included acting in an advisory capacity on matters provided by the Governor and the Adjutant General and making recommendations of appropriations and expenses of the MONG.

Bill as a Whole

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Public Safety- Office of the Director, University of Missouri, Missouri Veterans Commission, and Office of the State Treasurer** 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 colleges and community colleges 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.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the

office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Transfer Out – (\$41.1016) To the Missouri National Guard Cybersecurity Revolving Fund p.3</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>
MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD CYBERSECURITY REVOLVING FUND			
<u>Transfer In – (\$41.1017) From General Revenue p.3-4</u>	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Revenue – (\$41.1017) Monies received as a charge for expenses incurred by MONG p.3-4</u>	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Revenue – (\$41.1017) Monies received as reimbursement for expenses incurred by MONG p.3-4</u>	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost – (\$41.1017) Expenses for rendering aid p.3-4</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD CYBERSECURITY REVOLVING FUND	<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

This bill modifies the composition of the panel that recommends to the Adjutant General to make grants or provide other financial assistance or services from the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund. Instead of a sergeant major of the Missouri National Guard, the panel must include a senior enlisted leader of the Missouri National Guard. The bill also provides that the Adjutant General, rather than the panel, will have the power to establish criteria for the grants. Furthermore, the grants may be made to members of the Missouri National Guard in addition to families of members and other reserve members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

This bill establishes a Missouri National Guard Counterdrug Program Ribbon, which the Adjutant General is authorized to present to any member of the Missouri National Guard who has participated in the Counterdrug Program from January 1, 1989.

The bill also establishes the Missouri National Guard Homeland Response Force Program Ribbon, which the Adjutant General is authorized to present to any member of the Missouri National Guard who has participated in the Homeland Response Force Program from January 1, 2012.

This bill establishes a Missouri National Guard Engineer Explosive Ordnance Clearance Agent Ribbon, which the Adjutant General is authorized to present to any member of the Missouri National Guard who has participated in a engineer explosive ordnance clearance agent course from January 1, 2012.

The bill establishes the "Cybersecurity Mission Act", which provides that the Missouri National Guard may engage in cybersecurity, cyber-attack prevention, cyber-attack response, and cyber-attack support activities for this state and for political subdivisions, governing bodies, public colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, utility companies, and critical infrastructure facilities of this state. The Adjutant General may activate members on state order to carry out such activities. The "Missouri National Guard Cyber-Security Revolving Fund" is created and will consist of monies appropriated by the General Assembly, monies received as a charge and monies received as reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Missouri National Guard related to rendering aid.

The Missouri Veterans' Commission may use the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund for payment of expenses associated with providing medals, medallions, and certificates in recognition of service in the Armed Forces of the United States for any conflict, war, operation, and similar incident identified in law, rather than during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War.

This bill creates the following medallions, medals, and certificates for eligible veterans:

- (1) Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn;
- (2) Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program; and
- (3) Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

The bill provides that spouses or eldest living survivors of a deceased veteran, who was entitled to but died prior to applying, may apply on behalf of the deceased veteran.

The Missouri Veterans' Commission will design the form for the medallions, medals, and certificates. The Adjutant General will determine as expeditiously as possible those persons who are entitled to medallions, medals, and certificates and will notify the General Assembly when the supply totals less than 100.

Currently, the tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses at Missouri higher education institutions to Missouri National Guard members apply after GI Bill educational entitlements. This bill repeals this provision.

This bill repeals the Military Council, the duties of which included acting in an advisory capacity on matters provided by the Governor and the Adjutant General and making recommendations of appropriations for the needs of the militia and expending such appropriations.

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 Higher Education and Workforce Development

Department of Public Safety

- Office of the Director
- Missouri Veterans Commission

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

Missouri National Guard

Office of the Secretary of State

Office of the State Treasurer

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