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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6266H.04C
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 2722
 Subject: Education, Higher; Children and Minors
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Success for Homeless and Foster Youth in Higher Education Act".

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
Colleges and Universities*	Could Exceed (\$233,333)	Could Exceed (\$285,600)	Could Exceed (\$291,312)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Could Exceed (\$233,333)	Could Exceed (\$285,600)	Could Exceed (\$291,312)

*Oversight assumes that the net effect is from the cost of additional staff estimated by the University of Missouri System along with unknown costs to other colleges and universities to implement the program.

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	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§173.2542 - The "Success for Homeless and Foster Youth in Higher Education Act"

Officials from the **University of Missouri System (UM)** state that this type of position in the financial aid office would require a new position to be hired. The requirement creates an ongoing personnel cost comparable to adding a professional-level financial aid administrator with specialized compliance responsibilities, annual salary plus benefits would be \$70,000-\$90,000 per campus.

In addition, the University of Missouri System has determined that housing cost for would be \$14,310 in academic year 2027 per year. This rate would be for a housing option open over breaks. This fiscal impact would be this amount multiplied by the number of students who were eligible to receive this waiver, which they cannot estimate at this time.

Upon further inquiry, the UM stated that there are four universities in the University of Missouri System, thus they estimate an annual fiscal impact of between \$280,000 and \$360,000 for the purpose of hiring one staff member (salary plus benefits) in each financial aid office. The University does not believe that there would be any fiscal impact associated with the student housing provisions, as the legislation does not require institutions to engage in any specific actions.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect the cost for 4 staff members estimated by the UM System based on the \$70,000 per year salary (with fringe along with equipment and expense unknown) to Colleges and Universities. Oversight will also show an unknown cost to various institutions for program implementation.

Officials from the **University of Central Missouri** assume that the proposed legislation will have an indeterminate fiscal impact but did not provide any additional information.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of the State Treasurer, and Northwest Missouri State University** each assume that the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Office of the Lieutenant Governor** assumed that the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organization.

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, universities, 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES			
<u>Cost – UM System (§173.2542.3) For program implementation and hiring of 4 liaisons p.3</u>	(<u>\$233,333</u>)	(<u>\$285,600</u>)	(<u>\$291,312</u>)
<u>Cost – Various Institutions (§173.2542.3) For program implementation and hiring of liaison p.3</u>	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES	Could Exceed (<u>\$233,333</u>)	Could Exceed (<u>\$285,600</u>)	Could Exceed (<u>\$291,312</u>)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost – Community Colleges (§173.2542.3) For program implementation and hiring of liaison p.3</u>	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</u>)	(<u>Unknown</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 creates the "Success for Homeless and Foster Youth in Higher Education Act" and requires that each public institution of higher education establish a liaison position for homeless and foster pupils. Criteria for the liaison qualifications include knowledge of homeless pupil issues and laws. Private institutions of higher education may also establish a liaison.

The bill outlines the duties of the liaison and allows institutions to grant resident status to a student that is homeless and under 20 years old as long as such student is eligible for a postsecondary education public benefit under Section 173.1110, RSMo. Institutions may also develop a plan to ensure stable housing and financial aid packages to ensure access to housing resources that are open for most of the year.

The bill also requires the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to create a searchable directory of homeless and foster student liaisons that have been designated by each institution and to update the directory annually.


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 Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Treasurer

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