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**FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Missouri Innovation, Public Safety, and Accountability Act".

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
General Revenue*	Could exceed (\$4,419,413)	Could exceed (\$59,513,798)	Could Exceed (\$60,575,580)	Could Exceed (\$75,195,769)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$4,419,413)</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$59,513,798)</b>	<b>Could Exceed (\$60,575,580)</b>	<b>Could Exceed (\$75,195,769)</b>

\*Oversight reflects revenue cost(s) under various provisions of this legislation, including CPI adjustment as per §620.6021, and DOR and DED FTE cost.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
Park, Soil, & Water Sales Tax Fund (1613 & 1614)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Conservation Commission Fund (1609)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
School District Trust Fund (1688)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Rural Missouri Development Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other State Funds</u></b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

\*Oversight assumes the fund will net to zero. Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All Federal Funds</u></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
General Revenue	26 FTE	26 FTE	26 FTE	26 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>26 FTE</b>	<b>26 FTE</b>	<b>26 FTE</b>	<b>26 FTE</b>

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	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
Local Government	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown	\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown	\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§620.6000 - 620.6033 - Missouri Innovation, Public Safety, and Accountability Act

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** note this proposal creates several new incentive programs, including:

- Innovation Districts (Section 620.6000 & 620.6003)
- Property tax abatement (Section 620.6003)
- Tax Increment Financing (Section 620.6003)
- MO Rural Development Fund (Section 620.6009)
- Innovation Zone Public Safety Fund- sales tax (Section 620.6012)
- Income Tax Abatement (Section 620.6012)
- Move to Missouri Resident Incentive (Section 620.6015)
- Employer Retention & Reinvestment Withholding tax credit (Section 620.6018)
- Employer Relocation Incentive (Section 620.6021)
- Office-to-Residential Conversion tax credits (Section 620.6024)
- Missouri Opportunity Zones (Section 620.6027)
- Angel Investment Incentive tax credit (Section 620.6033)

This proposal requires DOR to provide information (section 620.6006.17) to the Department of Economic Development (DED), state treasurer, any state agency involved with these programs and to local political subdivisions tax information that helps determine the amount of benefits a taxpayer can receive under these incentive programs. DOR is unsure what information will be needed and due to the confidentiality laws is unsure if DOR will be able to comply with the information requests.

These new incentive programs would allow the participants to retain income tax (individual, corporate, fiduciary & financial institutions), sales and use tax, and to receive tax credits, as well as several optional local incentives (property tax abatement & tax increment financing).

These programs will result in a loss of state revenue and require additional resources for DOR. Due to the limited amount of time to review this version of the proposal, and the vagueness of the language, DOR is unable to determine if the Department could fully implement this proposal and the full impact fiscal impact of this proposal. The impact discussed is the preliminary amount of resources needed.

#### §§620.6000 & 620.6003 - Innovation District Program (Framework)

Officials from **DOR** assume this provision would allow cities to create an innovation district. Once they create an innovation district, qualified applicants or individuals would become eligible

for state-administered incentives including income tax exemptions and numerous existing and newly created tax credit programs (Section 620.6003.5). Additional local incentives such as tax abatement and tax increment financing benefits are also available. DOR notes this innovation district program does not have a sunset clause.

DOR notes that this would allow all cities in the state to create an innovation district. These innovation districts are not restricted in size. Therefore, numerous residents and businesses can benefit from being in the declared innovation district.

This provision would allow DED to create a master scorecard for determining which businesses can qualify for incentives under this proposal. The scorecard is to be used by both DED and the local government to estimate the amount of incentives for which a business can qualify.

DOR assumes no impact from the creation of the innovation districts. The impact may be significant if the innovation districts has residents or businesses in it. The impact to general revenue is unknown but if all cities have such a district, the impact could reach millions of dollars.

officials from the **Office of Administration – Budget & Planning (B&P)** assume §620.6000 requires the newly created innovation zones to be overlay existing historic downtown, central business, or MO Main Street districts. Upon designation of an innovation zone, state tax incentives will be available and local tax incentives may be available.

§620.6003 requires that 50% of new property tax revenue generated within an innovation zone be diverted to public safety. DED may retain a portion of the diverted funds for program administration costs. B&P notes that this provision could increase TSR by allowing DED to retain what is normally local property tax revenue.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** note:

Application is made by a project sponsor to the Department of Economic Development. Within this application, the Department will review a description of the proposed project, documentation demonstrating eligibility for incentives sought, and any information necessary to evaluate under a Master Scorecard.

The Department must establish and administer a process for cities to submit their application for designation of an innovation district by submitting an innovation district master plan.

The Department must coordinate with the local reviewing authority and city regarding district level implementation.

Application can be made by any city.

The Department's approval authority is limited to determining whether a proposed innovation district boundaries are reasonable in geography and are generally consistent with this section. Otherwise, information provided in the master plan is informational and is not subject to discretionary approval, modification, or denial by the Department.

The Department has 45 days to review and approve otherwise the application will be automatically approved.

Determines the criteria/categories in which the master scorecard shall evaluate projects. The Department will determine, through rule, the point values assigned to each category.

The Department must issue written certification of approval within 45 calendar days.

States that in order to maintain designation as an innovation district, a participating city shall adopt, establish, or designation the policies, processes, and authorities set forth in this section within 6 months of becoming a designated innovated district.

states any property subject to an existing TIF plan or tax abatement agreement at the time of innovation district designation will continue under terms of the established agreement and nothing in 620.6000-6024 will impair, modify, or terminate such agreement.

Properties within an innovation district that are not subject to an existing project-specific TIF or property tax abatement agreement will have 50% of incremental increase in real property tax revenues generated after designation deposited into the applicable innovation district public safety fund, established under 620.6009.

New development or redevelopment projects within an innovation district may elect, at the time of project approval, whether to commence a project-specific TIF plan for the max term authorized by law or a property-specific property tax abatement for the max term authorized by law. They could also elect to proceed without either incentive.

Authorizes the department to track compliance of the innovation districts to ensure they adopt or maintain on or more requirements of this section, and if not, notify the city of such non-compliance. The city will have 90 days to cure, otherwise, the Department will suspend or revoke the designation. Any incentives, agreements, approvals, or benefits previously awarded would not be impaired, modified, terminated or affect validity, or give rise to any claim for damages against an applicant. All projects that received approval or entered into binding agreements in reliance on innovation district designation prior to noncompliance shall be permitted to proceed.

Requires the Department to prepare and submit a biennial written report to the general assembly summarizing the status, performance, and outcomes of the innovation district program. Department may retain, subject to appropriation, a limited portion of net-new state revenues generated under 620.6000-6024 solely for the administration of the innovation district program.

The Department would be responsible for:

- Promulgating rules for this program
- Developing the Master Scorecard to evaluate incentives for projects located within an innovation district.
- Once scored, the Department will need to assign project applications to incentive tiers based on their normalized score and a project that scores 100 points shall be entitled to the most favorable incentive package available under state law, subject to statutes that apply.
- Evaluating each application
- Tracking the progress of the district master plan
- Track whether the city has adopted, established, or designated the policies, processes, and authorities within 6 months of being designated an innovation district:
- Tracking must continue to ensure the city maintains such things.
- Notify city of noncompliance and then track that the city responds and cures within 90 calendar days from receipt of notice.
- Department will either remove suspension or revoke designation:
- Collect, analyze, prepare and submit a biennial report to the general assembly summarizing:
  - The number of innovation districts designated and communities participating during the reporting period
  - Number and types of projects approved within innovation districts and the distribution of incentive tiers authorized under the Master Scorecard
  - Aggregate counts of housing, commercial, or mixed-use activation
  - Other redevelopment occurring within innovation districts
  - Aggregate counts of employment impacts, including net new or retained employment where such data is available
  - Summary of public safety, infrastructure, or other public investment activities undertaken within innovation districts
  - Any observations or recommendations that may assist the general assembly in evaluating the effectiveness of the program

The fiscal impact:

Department retain a limited portion of net new state revenues generated under 620.6000-6024 solely for administration of the innovation district program, subject to appropriation. Unknown amount.

§620.6006 – MO Innovation Zone One Stop Shop

Officials from the **DOR** assume this provision requires the local political subdivisions designating an innovation zone to have a one stop shop for approval of planning and zone laws. These provisions will not fiscally impact DOR.

This provision (§620.6006.11) requires that any innovation district not within a tax increment financing plan to deposit 25% of their net-new revenue from real property tax into this proposal's newly created Public Safety Fund. Property tax is handled by the State Tax Commission and County Assessors. DOR defers to them for the administration impact and fiscal impact of this transfer.

This provision (§620.6006.15) allows DED to retain a fee from the net-new state revenue in these innovation zones. This proposal does not limit the amount of fee that can be retained. DOR defer to DED to estimate the amount of the fee they plan to retain.

Section 620.6006.17 requires DOR to provide tax information to administer all the provisions in sections 620.6000 to 620.6033. DOR is unable to determine what information may be wanted and how often. Should this require a significant amount of time it could result in the need for an additional FTE or overtime being paid.

This provision gives DED rulemaking authority but not DOR. Additionally, this provision has a 10-year sunset date for all provisions in sections 620.6000 to 620.6033.

Officials from the **B&P** assume §620.6006 clarifies that the property tax revenue shall not include the statewide (\$0.03 per \$100 value) property tax levy.

All tax incentives created within this proposal shall sunset August 28, 2036.

#### §620.6009 - Rural MO Development Fund

Officials from the **DOR** assume this provision requires communities in the state to contribute funding to a Rural Missouri Development Fund. They would be required to submit 10% of all net-new property tax revenues received by the community that are generated within an innovation district. DOR does not handle property tax; it is done by the State Tax Commission and County Assessors. DOR defers to STC for the fiscal impact.

This Fund is administered by DED and therefore will not fiscally impact DOR.

Officials from the **B&P** assume if a city has an innovation district and is within the top 5% of all cities for assessed taxable property valuation, then that city must pay 10% of new property tax revenue generated within that district to a newly created "Rural MO Development Fund". Monies in the fund will be granted to smaller communities for various needs.

B&P Note: Per Article III, Section 38(b) there is a statewide (\$0.03 per \$100 value) property tax levy. B&P assumes that this constitutional portion of the tax cannot be diverted.

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.6009 establishes the Rural Missouri Development Fund that is administered by the Department.

Defines a contributing communication as a municipality that has designated one or more innovation districts and has a total certified assessed valuation that ranks within the highest 5% of all MO municipalities statewide, as more recently determined by the Missouri State Tax Commission or the DOR. If a municipality meets the criteria, they are required to contribute to the Missouri rural development fund. Each contributing community shall annually contribute 10% of net new property tax revenues actually received from such communities that are generated within its innovation district above baseline.

Award monies to rural municipalities, smaller municipalities that do not meet the definition of contributing community, or local or regional development organizations, community development corporations, or similar entities applying on behalf of or in coordination with such communities. Receipt of funds under this section shall not require a community to establish an innovation district.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgating rules and regulations
- Determine the application and award process for monies deposited into the Missouri Rural Development Fund.
- Award monies to rural municipalities, smaller municipalities that do not meet the definition of contributing community, or local or regional development organizations, community development corporations, or similar entities applying on behalf of or in coordination with such communities.
- Award will be determined based on:
  - Project readiness
  - Demonstrated community need
  - Alignment with the purpose of 620.6006.

The fiscal impact:

Contributing to communities will be required to contribute an amount equal to 10% of the net new property tax revenues actually collected to the Missouri Rural Development Fund.

1% of revenue collected from the net new property tax generated by a contributing community shall be deposited into the fund for the department to be used toward administrative fees to administer 620.6006. Unknown amount.

§620.6012 - Innovation Zone Public Safety Fund

Officials from the **DOR** assumed this provision would require the creation of the Innovation Zone Public Safety Fund. It appears this would be a local fund, administered by the innovation district but receive state revenue. The proposal says this Fund will receive “net-new state revenue”.

The Fund is to retain, 50% of the state sales tax revenue and state income tax withholdings that is in excess of an applicable base amount from transactions in the district that would have been deposited into general revenue. This proposal says that 50% of the state sales tax revenue generated above a calculated base would be required to be deposited into this Fund. DOR notes that the “state sales tax” is 4.225% on all things other than motor vehicles and is currently deposited. DOR notes that no sales tax collected on motor vehicles is deposited into general revenue and therefore, no motor vehicle sales would be included.

General Revenue is 3%	
School District Trust Fund is 1%	(Section 144.701)
Conservation Commission Fund is .125%	(Article IV, Section 43(a))
Parks, Soil & Water Funds .1%	(Article IV, Section 47(a))

Language in this proposal says that the sales tax which would otherwise have been deposited into general revenue would go to this Fund. Therefore, DOR assumes that only 50% of the 3% deposited to general revenue would be eligible for this transfer.

This proposal would also require the Fund to retain the state income tax withholdings, in excess of an applicable base, that are attributable to wages occurring in the innovation district.

This proposal further says that in order to determine the amount of the state sales tax and income tax withholding revenue the “department” will apply a formula which is delineated in this provision. DOR notes that DED is identified as the department in this provision.

DOR does not track the tax types by location. In order to supply tax data by location, DOR would first need to change the withholding forms to collect information on the number and location of employees. The change in the forms is estimated at \$10,000.

DOR would also need to modify the business registration sales and use tax forms to have businesses report which locations they have in an innovation district. Since the sales tax per this proposal would distribute 50% of the general revenue portion of the sales tax back to the district instead of to general revenue, DOR would need to track which revenue is distributed differently. The modification to the form is estimated to be \$10,000.

The sales tax distribution computer programs would need to be modified to allow for the 50% transfer to the Innovation Zone Public Safety Funds. The change to the distribution programs as well as the sales/use tax maps is estimated to cost \$100,000.

DOR's individual income tax and withholding tax systems would need to be updated to allow the collection by address and distribution to the designated projects rather than general revenue. The upgrade to all different individual income tax processing and distributions systems is estimated to be at least \$1,000,000.

DOR assumes that the Department would also need an additional Auditor (\$83,530 salary plus years of service pay) to administer the proper reporting of the impacted revenue. This person would ensure that taxpayers claiming to be in the innovation zones are properly reporting all taxes.

DOR notes that all taxes under this proposal are still required to be paid and then only after collected would be distributed back to the districts.

DOR notes there is no cap on the amount of revenue that can be distributed to the Innovation Zone Public Safety Funds. DOR assumes this will result in a loss of revenue to general revenue of over \$250,000 annually starting in FY 2027.

#### Advance Withholding

This proposal also creates an incentive to allow a project sponsor to apply for a "construction-phase withholding" (section 620.6012.7). DED shall approve of this incentive. This incentive is to be equal to 25% of the projected state income tax withholding attributable to the construction phase of the projects. DED is to disburse this incentive amount in a lump sum to the project (Section 620.6012.8). This proposal further states that all state tax receipts attributable to construction-phase employment shall be allocated for the benefit of the innovation district and controlled by the innovation board (Section 620.6012.12)

This proposal attempts to want to modify state income tax withholding. DOR notes that income tax withholding is money earned by a worker that is paid in advance of their final calculation of state income tax liability (prepayment of tax they will owe). It is not an employer expense. Employees make these payments out of their paychecks. This money is sent to DOR to be applied to their tax account.

This proposal appears to want to allow DED to provide a payment to their employer for the amount the employee would pay DOR. This proposal requires DED to make a payment to the construction company employers in an amount equal to the 25% of the employees' withholding. It says that DED is to make this as a lump sum payment (Section 620.6012.8).

DOR notes that the Innovation Zone Public Safety Funds already redirected 50% of the employer withhold to these funds. This proposal would then further remove another 25% of the withholdings to go to these construction companies. DOR notes that this would significantly reduce the amount of withholding money the state receives that would go to general revenue.

Additionally, this proposal does not have DOR retain the 25% for the businesses in a separate account awaiting the distribution of the lump-sum. Therefore, DOR assumes that DED will need to get an appropriation from general revenue to make the lump-sum payment as DOR would have deposited the money into general revenue. DOR is unable to determine the amount of money that will be given out in these construction lump sum payments. DOR defers to DED for the estimate.

DOR notes this proposal adds language that says that all state tax receipts attributable to construction-phase employment should be allocated for the benefit of innovation districts. This language would seem to confirm that the construction companies are required to still make all the withholding payments to DOR. DOR notes that all withholding revenue is deposited into general revenue. DOR notes that the General Assembly would be required to make the appropriation to the innovation districts to comply with this language (Section 620.6012.12).

This proposal requires DOR to do the calculations but does not provide DOR with rulemaking authority to establish the procedures where DOR would need to do the work.

Officials from the **B&P** assume the newly created fund will receive 100% of all withholdings related to construction within the innovation district. After construction is complete, the fund will receive 50% of all newly generated state GR sales tax and income taxes within the district.

Construction Phase = 100% withholdings  
Operation Phase = 1.5% sales tax, excluding motor vehicles (50% of the 3% state GR sales tax)  
+ 50% of state income tax

B&P notes that this will only capture the 3% state general revenue sales tax. It will not divert the 1% School District Trust Fund, 0.125% Conservation, or 0.1% DNR sales taxes. In addition, sales taxes generated from motor vehicles are not deposited into GR and will also not be diverted to this new fund.

This provision will reduce TSR and GR by an unknown, could be significant, amount.

This provision relies on “baseline revenues” to determine the portion of newly generated revenues within a zone. The term baseline includes all state sales taxes and withholdings generated within the district in the 12 months prior to the district designation. B&P notes the following issues:

- Baseline revenues are not limited to only the GR portion of state sales tax, whereas the amount of newly generated revenues subject to diversion is limited to the GR portion of sales taxes.
- Baseline revenue is based on wage withholding and not final income tax liability. Employees elect to have their wages withheld in whatever amount they choose. Those withholdings may equal more or less than what the employee actually owes for state income taxes.

During construction, projects may receive a pre-payment of up to 25% for anticipated withholdings. If actual withholdings are less than the pre-payment received, the project sponsor must either pay the difference back or offset the excess payments against future tax incentives.

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.2012 establishes the Innovation District Public Safety Fund for the purpose of reinvesting a portion of net new state economic activity generated within an innovation district into public safety, public infrastructure, and related improvements that support sustained district vitality. Establishes process for determining baseline within the designated area.

States this section does not apply to any geographic area located within a state TIF or MODESA whether established before or after the innovation district designation. The state TIF and MODESA areas shall not receive, directly or indirectly, or benefit from monies remitted to or expended from the innovation district Public Safety Fund, including funding for public safety, infrastructure, or public realm improvements.

Monies remitted from the innovation district public safety fund may be used for capital or operating expenditures related to public safety and public realm improvements within the designated area.

States a project sponsor may apply to the Department for a construction-phase withholding advance for a project located within an innovation district as long as the project received all required local approvals and has total hard costs of not less than \$5M.

Unsure where monies would be disbursed from. No cap.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate Rules and Regulations.
- Establishing baseline state sales tax and state withholdings tax within the innovation district during the 12 months immediately preceding designation.
- Establishing the application and approval process for construction-phase withholding advance requests from the project sponsor.
- Department will determine that the project is located within a designated innovation district, will generate construction-phase employment occurring within the district, and the project is reasonably projected to generate state income tax withholdings attributable to construction-phase employment above the applicable baseline.
- The construction must have commenced and not less than 10% of total hard construction costs have been incurred.
- The department shall disburse the approved advance within 45 calendar days, as a lump sum. If DED does not approve within 45 days, it is automatically approved.
- Determine the actual amount of state income tax withholdings attributed to construction-phase employment after completion of the project.

- If 25% of the actual construction-phase withholdings equals or exceeds the amount of construction-phase withholdings advance disbursed to the project, no further action shall be required.
- If 25% of the actual is less than advance disbursed, the excess shall be repaid by the project sponsor or offset against future allocations, as determined by rule.

The fiscal impact:

- 50% of incremental state sales tax or state withholdings tax generated within a designated innovation district that would otherwise be deposited into the state GR fund.
- The amount of construction-phase withholding advance authorized shall not exceed 25% of the projected state income tax withholdings attributable to construction-phase employment generated by the project above the applicable baseline.
- There is no appropriation or spending authority for this payment.

#### §620.2015 - Move to Missouri Income Tax Exclusion

Officials from the **DOR** assume Starting January 1, 2027, this proposal would grant an income tax exclusion to a qualified new resident. A qualified new resident is defined as a person who was not a resident of Missouri during the three tax years preceding the tax year for which the exclusion is claimed and has established a primary residence in MO in an innovation district.

This proposal notes that there are no residency (length of stay) requirements for the person residing in Missouri for the purpose of claiming this exclusion. Just that they say this is their primary residence. Therefore, a person can buy a house in an innovation district in Missouri, declare it their primary residence and never live in it but still receive the exclusion. Given our 100% deduction for capital gains, it is unknown how many taxpayers will do this.

DOR notes there is no cap on the amount of income that can qualify for this incentive. DOR is unable to estimate the amount of income tax revenue that would be lost under this proposal but note that it would be all general revenue. DOR notes that tax returns are filed the year after the tax year and therefore this proposal would result in a loss of revenue starting in FY 2028. It is estimated that it could be significantly more than \$250,000 annually.

DOR notes that this proposal does not negate the requirement to file a Missouri tax return. DOR will still require the return, and DOR will have a form the person will complete, indicating they qualify for this incentive, which will be remitted with their return. That way DOR is able to track the amount of tax revenue eligible for this exclusion. The creation of the form will cost \$10,000.

This proposal will require DOR to maintain a list of residential locations and a registry of tenants who will reside at qualified locations (including lease begin and end dates). Therefore, this proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953

(salary plus years of service pay) to track the qualifying residents accounts and to handle any clawbacks that may be necessary.

Officials from the **B&P** assume individuals moving into an innovation zone from outside of Missouri will be exempted from state income tax as long as they maintain their primary residence. This exemption will begin with tax year 2027.

In order to qualify the taxpayer must not have had a Missouri adjusted gross income in the prior three tax years and must earn at least \$75,000 per year.

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.6015 establishes an income tax abatement incentive for qualifying individuals establishing residency within an innovation district. This section is administered by the Department of Revenue, however, the Department of Economic Development is responsible for promulgating rules for the section, consulting with DOR.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate Rules and Regulations

#### §620.6018 - Employer Retention & Reinvestment Withholding Incentive

Officials from the **DOR** assume Starting January 1, 2027, an eligible employer may enter into a contract with DED to receive a “withholding benefit”. A withholding benefit is defined as the income tax withholding of eligible employees (those that work in the innovation district). The withholding benefit can be received by the employer as either a tax credit or through retention of withholding.

This proposal attempts to want to modify state income tax withholding. DOR notes that income tax withholding is money earned by a worker that is paid in advance of their final calculation of state income tax liability (prepayment of tax they will owe). It is not an employer expense. Employees make these payments out of their paychecks. This money is sent to DOR to be applied to their tax account.

This proposal appears to want to allow DED to provide a credit to the employer or allow the employer to keep, the amount the employee would pay DOR. This proposal requires the employer to submit an application and DED to determine the method of the retained withholding. This proposal requires DED to verify the actual amount of state income tax withholding attributable to the project. DOR notes that the income tax and withholding tax computer systems do not track employee withholding by project or location but rather than by employer. Modifying the system to track all employee withholding by location as well as by employer would require updates to the systems. Those costs are included in the costs stated in section 620.6012.

This proposal states that DED can decide whether to issue the credit or allow the retention of withholding.

However, language in this proposal does not allow the credit to be applied to withholding tax that the employer must remit to DOR. Therefore, DOR assumes the tax credit could only be used against the employer's income or corporate tax owed. DOR will need to modify the MO-TC form at a cost of \$2,200. Additionally, updates to DOR tax reporting software adding this credit will cost \$1,887.

This proposal would allow DED to authorize the retention of withholding instead of a tax credit. This proposal limits the withholding benefit to no more than 3% of the aggregate gross wages paid to an employee in the innovation zone. The withholding benefit can be issued for up to 10 years. DOR notes that should an employee also live in the innovation district the employee may have their income tax exclusion in Section 620.6015 and therefore would not need to have withholding done on them. DOR notes that the employers will need to send all the withholding to DOR and let DOR determine which withholding is eligible to be retained. Then DOR would refund the appropriate amount back to the employer. Updates to the withholding system are covered in the costs listed in section 620.6012.

DOR will require employer's wishing to receive the retention benefit to complete a form to file with the DOR to indicate the qualifying employees so DOR can track the withholding. The creation of the form will cost \$10,000. This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (salary plus years of service pay) to track the qualifying employee accounts and to handle any clawbacks that may be necessary.

This proposal does not allow the credits to be refundable, assignable, sellable or transferable. However, it does allow employers to simultaneously participate in other tax incentive and income tax withholding programs offered by the state.

Employers getting to retain withholding or DOR refunding the withholding paid will result in a loss of funding to general revenue. This proposal does not have a cap and therefore the total loss cannot be estimated. DOR assumes a loss that could significantly exceed \$250,000 annually. This will start in FY 2027 based on the start date of the proposal.

Officials from the **B&P** assume this provision would allow employers to receive a withholding tax credit equal of up to 3% of annual gross wages paid to employees each tax year for up to ten years, beginning tax year 2027. All retained monies must be used for qualifying reinvestment costs within the zone. In addition, employers may continue to use other state tax incentives that rely on withholding retention. Benefits from those programs would apply before this incentive.

This limit is based on wages and not withholdings. Withholdings are a percentage of wages paid. However, as long as the effective tax rate in Missouri remains above 3%, this limitation should remain binding at an amount below aggregate withholdings.

B&P notes that there is no limit to the amount of withholdings that may be retained under this section. This provision could reduce TSR and GR by an unknown, could be significant, amount beginning FY27 (through withholding retention).

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.6018 establishes an employer retention and reinvestment withholding incentive for retention of jobs and reinvestment by businesses establishing a continuous presence in an innovation district. These jobs do not have to be new jobs, and the business does not have to be new to the area. The eligible employer may have qualifying reinvestment expenditures. An eligible employer may, but is not required to, apply to enter into a withholding agreement with the Department on or after January 1, 2027.

§620.2018 states any withholding benefit received under this section shall be used solely for qualifying reinvestment expenditures actually incurred and paid under the withholding agreement.

To receive benefits, an eligible employer must operate within the innovation district, demonstrate a commitment to remain at the location for not less than 5 years, complete QRE under the withholding agreement, maintain not less than 95% of baseline payroll, subject to notice and cure, and submit any other information reasonably requested by DED.

The employer may participate in the incentive authorized under this section concurrently with Missouri One-Start program and Missouri Quality Jobs. Missouri One-Start and Missouri Quality Jobs shall be collected and disbursed prior to the collection and disbursement of the withholding benefits under this section.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate Rules and Regulations
- Rules may establish aggregate or annual program caps to manage fiscal exposure.
- Establish an application process.
- Establish baseline payroll for each applicant.
- Write and execute a withholding agreement.  
Applications for withholding may be submitted at any time and the Department has 45 calendar days to approve or deny applications and must approve the application unless the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements of this section, or the applicant is not in good standing with DED or DOR with respect to tax compliance or reporting obligations. Auto approval if not approved or denied within 45 days.
- DED would need to review and approve payroll reports quarterly unless agreed to semi-annually.

The fiscal impact:

- Withholding benefit is the state income tax withholdings attributable to eligible employees that an eligible employer is authorized to receive, either through a credit or through authorized retention of such withholdings, which may be carried forward.
- Withholding Tax Credit – nonrefundable credit equal to all or a portion of the withholding benefit authorized under a withholding agreement under this section, which may be carried forward.
- Withholding benefit shall not exceed 3% of aggregate gross wages paid to eligible employees at the innovation district location during a tax year.
- Withholding benefit may be authorized for up to 10 years. May be carried forward for up to 10 years.
- Not guaranteed to be net new to the state. It could be existing, especially since any city can establish an innovation district and companies can move around.

§620.6021 - Employer Relocation Withholding Incentive

Officials from the **DOR** assumed Starting January 1, 2027, this would allow an eligible employer to receive a \$5,000 tax credit for each eligible employee that relocates from out of state to live in an innovation district or within 10 miles of an innovation district. The employer must show proof of incurring and paying the relocation expenses (identified in this proposal).

The tax credits are not refundable, but this proposal also allows the credits to be carried forward five years. This proposal does not allow the credits to be transferred, sold or assigned.

This proposal would become effective on January 1, 2027, and the first time the returns claiming the credits can be filed are January 1, 2028 (FY 2028). There is no cap on the amount of credits that can be issued annually. Therefore, DOR assume this will be a loss of general revenue annually that could exceed \$250,000.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Loss to General Revenue</b>
2027	\$0
2028	(Could exceed \$250,000)
2029	(Could exceed \$250,000)

This proposal creates a new tax credit programs that will require a new line being added to the Form MO-TC (\$2,200), updates to the Department’s website and changes to the individual income tax computer system (\$1,887). These changes are estimated to cost \$4,087. DOR’s existing tax credit staff is no longer able to take on any additional tax credits without additional resources. Due to the intensive knowledge of credits that is needed DOR is not able to use temporary staff to help with processing these returns. This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (salary plus years of service pay).

Officials from the **B&P** assume this provision would grant a \$5,000 per taxpayer tax credit for relocation costs beginning tax year 2027. To receive the tax credit a qualifying business must be relocating from outside of Missouri and paying the relocation costs for qualifying employees also moving from outside of Missouri. Businesses must move into the innovation zone, whereas employees may move within 10 miles of the zone. Employees must reside within 10 miles of the zone for at least one year, or the qualifying business will be required to pay back that employee's portion of the relocation tax credit.

The credit is not refundable but may be carried forward for up to 5 years. There is no limit on the amount of tax credits that may be awarded each year. Therefore, B&P estimates that this proposal could reduce TSR and GR by an unknown amount annually, beginning FY28 (when tax year 2027 annual returns are filed).

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.2021 establishes an employer relocation withholding tax credit incentive for an individual who relocates from a location outside the state of Missouri to accept employment with an eligible employer and establishes a primary residence within an innovation district or a location within 10 miles of an innovation district, measured in a straight-line distance (as long as still in MO), and earns an annual wage of at least \$70K. The eligible employer must be a business entity that was not conducting business operations within the state of Missouri prior to establishing operations within an innovation district and establishes a business location within an innovation district.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate rules for the program.
- Develop program application, guidelines, and review process.
- Review documentation and authorize/issue tax credits.
- DED/DOR must track employee residence from time of authorization through 12 months after tax credit is claimed.

The fiscal impact:

- Tax credit for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027 for an eligible employer in an amount up to \$5K per eligible employee for eligible relocation expenses incurred on behalf of such employees.
- Tax credit is refundable and may be carried forward for up to 5 years.
- The Department of Revenue may recapture tax credits claimed by an employer if the eligible employee relocates to another residence that no longer meets the requirements provided under this section within 12 consecutive months after the state tax credit is claimed.

§620.6024 - Office-to-Residential Conversion Incentive

Officials from the **DOR** assume this proposal attempts to create two new tax credit programs, both starting January 1, 2027. It appears the intent of the proposal is to allow credits for converting blighted or abandoned buildings into residential use. However, the wording of the proposal says the credits are awarded only for “qualified conversion expenditures” which is defined as “any amount properly chargeable to a capital account”. Therefore, any company with expenses charged to a capital account would qualify for these credits.

*Conversion Expenditure credit*

The first credit allows a taxpayer to receive a tax credit equal to 25% of qualified conversion expenditures. The tax credit is not refundable but can be carried forward for ten years. The credits may also be transferred, sold or assigned.

*Upper Floor credit*

The second credit allows a taxpayer to receive a tax credit up to 30% of qualified conversion expenditures. The tax credit is not refundable but can be carried forward for ten years. The credits may also be transferred, sold or assigned.

This proposal would allow a taxpayer making at least \$1,000,000 million in chargeable expenses to receive a \$250,000 credit under the conversion expenditure credit and a \$300,000 credit under the upper floor credit as the credit is allowed based on the expense. Thereby one taxpayer could receive \$550,000 in credits for the same chargeable expenses.

DOR notes that all taxpayers in the state could be eligible for these tax credits. This program does not require the taxpayer to be in an innovation zone or have expenses in the innovation zone.

This proposal states that both of these credits can be applied to the taxpayer’s liability under Chapter 143 (individual income tax, corporate tax, fiduciary tax) or against the taxpayer’s liability for state sales and use taxes owed under Chapter 144. This proposal states that a tax credit is to offset up to 100% of a taxpayer’s tax liability. DOR notes that this would not be consistent with any other tax credit programs. Currently, a tax credit is only allowed to be applied against a taxpayer’s tax liability in the amount of the issued credit. This proposal would allow any credit received by the taxpayer to eliminate the taxpayer’s entire tax liability even if the credit is less than the liability. DOR is unable to estimate the amount of impact from this provision but assumes it will exceed \$250,000 annually. DOR notes that the elimination of any income tax would impact general revenue but any impact to the state sales tax will impact general revenue, the school district trust fund, conservation commission fund and the park, soil & water funds.

DOR notes that per Section 620.6024.5(1) these two tax credit programs will share a \$50 million annual fiscal year cap. Per Section 620.6024.5(5) the amount of the credit cap can be increased by the CPI. This proposal limits 50% of the available cap (\$25 million) to structures of more

than 750,000 square feet and 25% of the cap (\$12,500,000) to upper-floor housing projects. DED is named as the administrator of these credits.

Section 620.6024.9 says that projects must receive a certain score to obtain a 10% credit. This proposal does not explain what a 10% credit is or how it is awarded, however, since it is listed in Section 620.6024 it would be subject to the same \$50 million cap.

These credits do have a sunset clause.

These tax credits would become effective on January 1, 2027, and the first time the credits can be claimed on an income tax return would be January 1, 2028 (FY 2028). However, since these credits can be claimed against a sales tax return, those can be filed as early as January 31, 2027 (FY 2027). While the tax credit is limited to only \$50 million, the additional lost revenue from allowing the credit to offset all income tax will allow a greater loss than just the cap amount. These credits will result in a loss to general revenue, school district trust fund, conservation commission, and the park, soil & water funds and the state sales tax funds of \$50,000,000 annually.

Fiscal Year	Loss to General Revenue & State Sales Tax Funds
2027	(Unknown greater than \$50,000,000)
2028	(Unknown greater than \$50,000,000)
2029+	(Unknown greater than \$50,000,000)

This proposal creates two new tax credit programs that will require two new line being added to the Form MO-TC (\$2,200 \* 2), updates to the Department's website and changes to the individual income tax computer system (\$1,887 \* 2). This would also require DOR to create a form for the transfer of these credits. The cost to create the form is \$10,000. These changes are estimated to cost \$18,174. DOR's existing tax credit staff is no longer able to take on any additional tax credits without additional resources. Due to the intensive knowledge of credits that is needed DOR is not able to use temporary staff to help with processing these returns. This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (salary plus years of service pay).

Officials from the **B&P** assume, beginning with tax year 2027, taxpayers may receive a tax credit for the cost of converting commercial property to primarily (50% or more) residential property. Buildings must be at least 25 years old to qualify and located either in an innovation zone or a qualified MO Main Street district. Tax credits are equal to 30% of conversion costs if located within an innovation and MO Main Street district. Otherwise, tax credits are limited to 20% of renovation costs within an innovation district.

Tax credits are non-refundable but may be transferred / sold. In addition, the tax credits can be carried forward up to ten tax years.

There is an initial authorization limit of \$50 million per fiscal year. However, if the authorization limit is met in any given year, the following fiscal year the limit will be increased by inflation.

Therefore, B&P estimates that this provision could reduce TSR and GR by up \$50 million starting FY28. This provision could reduce TSR and GR by an amount exceeding \$50 million in future years if the annual limit is increased.

Officials from the **DED** note:

§620.6024 establishes the office-to-residential conversion tax credit incentive.

For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, the department shall issue a taxpayer a tax credit up to 25% of qualified conversion expenditures with respect to a qualified converted building or upper-floor housing located in a qualified innovation district. The tax credit may be carried back to any of 3 preceding tax years or carried forward for the succeeding 10 tax years. Tax Credit may be transferred, sold, or assigned.

For all tax years on or after January 1, 2027, the department shall issue a tax credit up to 30% of qualified conversion expenditures with respect to upper-floor housing located in a qualified Missouri Main Street district.

The total amount of tax credits authorized per fiscal year may not exceed \$50M. (2) 50% authorized solely for structures of more than 750K gross square feet. If the total reserved has been authorized, structures of more than 750K square feet may receive tax credits from the remaining unreserved amount of tax credits. The total amount of tax credits for a structure of more than 750K square feet may be allocated over a period of up to 10 years. Must meet 10% incurred costs test within 36 months after award is authorized.

25% of maximum amount of tax credits available to be authorized to taxpayers in a fiscal year shall be authorized solely for upper-floor housing projects located in a qualified Missouri Main

Street district unless not fully authorized, in which projects may use unauthorized amount from reserve.

If the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal year is authorized, the max amount shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or its successor index.

Allows for applications awaiting approval after the cap has been exhausted to be reserved for the next fiscal year in priority order of submission.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate rules for the program.

- Develop program application (preliminary and final), guidelines, and review process.
- Review documentation and authorize/issue tax credits.

The fiscal impact:

- Qualified Conversion Expenditures with respect to a qualified converted building or upper floor housing located in a qualified innovation district.
- 25% tax credit
- Carry back 3 years, carry forward 10 years, transferred, assigned, sold
- Qualified Conversion Expenditures with respect to upper floor housing located in a qualified Missouri Main Street District.
- 30% tax credit
- Carry back 3 years, carry forward 10 years, transferred, assigned, sold
- Total tax credit cap: Authorizations per fiscal year may not exceed \$50M.
- 50% authorized solely for structures of more than 750K gross square feet.
- If the total reserved has been authorized, structures of more than 750K square feet may receive tax credits from the remaining unreserved amount of tax credits.

#### §620.6027 - Missouri Opportunity Zone

Officials from the **DOR** assumed this proposal allows the creation of opportunity zones whose purpose it to allow the deferral and potential exclusion of income tax liability to people purchasing property within them.

This proposal says that eligible taxpayer can elect to defer the paying of Missouri income tax or be excluded from paying income tax, if the company says they will use their income tax revenue to make eligible expenses under this proposal. DOR notes that the language does not mention anything further about being excluded from tax, so DOR assumes this proposal only grants a deferment of the payment of the tax owed. This proposal would allow DOR to prescribe the manner of applying for this election. If the election is accepted, they would defer paying their income tax for up to 10 years.

This proposal says the income tax eligible for this election is all income tax under Chapter 143. However, later in the proposal it says that the income tax should not include corporate tax. DOR notes that under the definition of Missouri income tax it would allow corporate tax, so DOR assumes all income taxes (individual, corporate, fiduciary & financial institutions) would be eligible for this election.

Since this is a deferral program, the tax would be due once the expiration period has expired. This program allows the election for up to 10 years, and therefore, this deferral would not result in any loss of tax revenue to the state but could result in up to a 10-year cash flow situation.

DOR notes that this proposal does not negate the requirement to file a Missouri tax return and as a matter of fact the return would still be necessary to determine the amount of tax that will be

eligible to be deferred. DOR will still require the return, and DOR will have a form the person will complete, indicating the amount they wish to defer, which will be remitted with their return. The creation of the form will cost \$10,000. This will also require modification of the tax reporting system to record which taxpayers have a deferral. These changes are estimated at \$30,000.

This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (salary plus years of service pay) to track the qualifying taxpayer accounts and to handle any clawbacks that may be necessary.

Officials from the **B&P** assume this provision will allow taxpayers to defer their income tax liability if they use that liability to make a qualifying investment within a MO Opportunity Zone. This deferment is not available for C-corporations.

Taxpayers have six months after the close of the tax year to make such qualifying investment. However, annual income tax payments are due April 15th. B&P assumes that taxpayer will be required to pay their full tax liability in April and then either file an extension, completing their return in October, or file an amended income tax return later if the qualifying investment is made after April 15th. This could result in significant cash flow changes between fiscal years.

Monies gained from investments lasting ten or more years will be exempt from income tax. There is no limit to the amount of income taxes that may be deferred under this program. Therefore, B&P estimates that this provision could decrease TSR and GR by an unknown, could be significant, amount starting FY28 (when tax year 2027 income tax returns are filed).

Officials from the **DED** assume §620.2027 establishes a Missouri Opportunity Zone, an overlay of the innovation district, to encourage long-term private investment. This section is administered by the Department of Revenue; however, the Department of Economic Development is responsible for promulgating rules for the section, consulting with DOR.

The Department will be responsible for:

- Promulgate Rules and Regulations.

#### §620.6030 - Angel Investment Incentive Act

Officials from the **DOR** assume this creates the Angel Investment Incentive Act which would be a new tax credit program. Beginning January 1, 2027, an investor who makes a cash investment in a qualified Missouri business shall receive a tax credit worth 40% of the cash investment unless the business's headquarters is located in an innovation zone then the credit is 50% of the contribution. This proposal allows all businesses in the state to participate. The credit is not refundable but can be carried forward five years.

DED and the Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) are responsible for administration of this credit. They are to make sure that no one investor gets more than \$75,000 in credits and that no investor receives more than \$300,000 annually for all investment opportunities. This program has a \$6 million annual cap in tax years 2027 and 2028. Each year thereafter the cap will be 20% greater than the actual amount issued in the previous year. If all credits are issued annually, this could result in the following tax credit cap amounts in future years.

Tax Year	Fiscal Year Claimed	Cap
2027	FY 2028	(\$6,000,000)
2028	FY 2029	(\$6,000,000)
2029	FY 2030	(\$7,200,000)
2030	FY 2031	(\$8,640,000)
2031	FY 2032	(\$10,368,000)
2032	FY 2033	(\$12,441,600)

This proposal also allows any tax credits not issued in a year to be carried forward and given out in a future year. For the simplicity of the fiscal note, DOR will assume all credits are issued in their first year. This will be a loss to general revenue of the cap amount annually.

This proposal will become effective on August 28, 2026, and is allowing the tax credit to start on January 1, 2027. Therefore, the first tax returns filed reporting the credit will be received starting on January 1, 2028 (FY 2028).

These credits require the business to be an approved business by MTC. Additionally, MTC has to approve the distribution of the credits. MTC will issue certificates that the taxpayer can attach to the tax return to redeem the credit. MTC is allowed to charge a fee for the credits. DOR defer to MTC for the impact on the fee.

This will be a new tax credit that has to be added to the MO-TC form (\$2,200), the website and individual income tax computer system (\$1,887). These changes are estimated to cost \$4,087. DOR's existing tax credit staff is no longer able to take on any additional tax credits without additional resources. Due to the intensive knowledge of credits that is needed DOR is not able to use temporary staff to help with processing these returns. This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (including the years of service pay).

Officials from the **B&P** assume beginning January 1, 2027, a tax credit shall be allowed for forty-percent of an investor's cash investment of a qualified Missouri business. The Director of the Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) shall not allow tax credits of more than \$75,000 for a single business or a total of \$300,000 in credits for a single year per investor. The legislation caps the tax credit at \$6 million during calendar years 2027 or 2028, increasing by twenty-percent for each calendar year thereafter beginning January 1, 2029 and ending December 31, 2033. The program shall automatically

sunset December 31, 2033 and terminate September 1, 2033.

B&P notes that the \$6 million cap is shared between calendar years 2026 and 2027. Therefore, it is possible that the full \$6 million may be authorized and redeemed for calendar year 2027 (FY 28) leaving no credits remaining for calendar year 2028 (FY 29). B&P further notes that the 20% annual increase to the tax credit cap is based on the amount of tax credits allowed in the previous year. This could result in no adjustment being allowed to the credit limit for calendar year 2028 (20% x \$0 tax year 2024 credits authorized), even if the full \$6 million in credits is authorized during the combined two year (2027 and 2028) period.

The following amounts may be allowed annually until the program ends after tax year 2033:

Calendar Year/(Fiscal Year) Cap

2027 & 2028/ (FY28 & FY29) \$6,000,000  
2029/ (FY30) Up to \$7,200,000  
2030/ (FY31) Up to \$8,640,000  
2031/ (FY32) Up to \$10,368,000  
2032/ (FY33) Up to \$12,441,600  
2033/ (FY34) Up to \$14,929,920

Officials from the **DED** assume §20.6030 creates the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act. The tax credit program is primarily administered by MTC (Missouri Technology Corporation). DED's role is to process and issue tax credits.

The program requires annual qualifications of Missouri business by the Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) to be eligible for the allocation of tax credits equal 50% of each investor's cash investment in that business. Such tax credits shall be allocated to those qualified Missouri businesses that, as determined by MTC, are most likely to provide the greatest economic benefit to the region, the state, or both. MTC would evaluate/allocate/authorize, and the department would issue, whole or partial tax credits based on a report issued to the director of the department from MTC's assessment of the qualified Missouri businesses.

Each year, tax credits shall be reserved for equal distribution among each geographic region during the first 6 months of the year. Any unissued tax credits can be used for any region, after the first 6 months. This program shall automatically expire on December 31, 2033.

Authorizing the tax credit program could reduce TSR by up to the cap in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2028 years. If the cap is exhausting in preceding years all following tax years shall have the cap increased by twenty percent. The balance of unissued tax credits may be carried over for issuance in future years before December 31, 2035. Qualification and award of projects will be administered by the Missouri Technology Corporation.

§620.6033 - Qualified Business Credit

Officials from the **DOR** assume this provision allows MTC to issue tax credits to qualified businesses and allows DED to issue tax credits to investors of qualified businesses. MTC's credits to qualified businesses are for those business appear to provide the greatest economic benefit to an innovation zone or to the state. If the MTC issues a credit to a qualified business, then DED can give each investor to the business a tax credit.

This proposal does not limit the amount of credits that can be issued to a single taxpayer under this provision, nor does it establish a cap. DOR is unable to estimate the actual impact from these credits. DOR for the fiscal note will assume these 2 credits will be lost revenue to general revenue and will exceed \$250,000 annually.

These 2 new tax credits have to be added to the MO-TC form (\$2,200 \* 2), the website and individual income tax computer system (\$1,887 \* 2). These changes are estimated to cost \$8,174. DOR's existing tax credit staff is no longer able to take on any additional tax credits without additional resources. Due to the intensive knowledge of credits that is needed DOR is not able to use temporary staff to help with processing these returns. This proposal would require at least 1 FTE Associate Customer Service Rep at a salary of \$42,953 (including the years of service pay).

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development** assumed the need for 14 Senior Economic Development Specialists, 3 Economic Development Managers, and 1 Legal Counsel.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume the need for 7 Associate Customer Service Representatives and 1 Auditor.

**Oversight** will reflect the costs as estimated by B&P, DED and DOR.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** defer to the DOR for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

In response to the previous version, officials from the **Office of the State Treasurer, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Office of the State Courts Administrator** each 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 both respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, State Tax Commission and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** each 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 that the Conservation Sales Tax funds are derived from one-eighth of one percent sales and use tax of the Missouri Constitution, thus MDC's sales taxes are constitutional mandates. Oversight assumes the proposal may decrease the amount of sales tax revenue distributed to this fund. Therefore, Oversight will show DOR & B&P's estimates for MDC's funds.

Oversight notes the Park, Soil, and Water Sales Tax funds are derived from the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax pursuant to Article IV Section 47 (a) thus DNR's sales taxes are constitutional mandates. Oversight assumes the proposal may decrease the amount of sales tax revenue distributed to this fund. Therefore, Oversight will show DOR & B&P's estimates for MDC's funds.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City** assume this bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on Kansas City. While the bill does not create a direct fiscal impact upon adoption due to the voluntary nature of the "innovation zone program", participation could affect the City in multiple ways. An eligible project receiving property tax abatement within an innovation zone would have a negative impact on property tax revenues within the City. However, a decline in property tax revenue could be offset by increased "net-new property tax revenue" caused by increased economic activity in the innovation zone. The actual fiscal impact would be unknown until the City could forecast the predicted economic impact of an incentive project as compared to the decrease in tax revenues that would come as a result of participation in the program.

The **Oversight Division** is responsible for providing a Sunset Report pursuant to Section 23.253 RSMo; however, Oversight can absorb the cost with the current budget authority.

#### 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	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>				
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6000 & 620.6033) DOR Form and website adjustments p.5-31	(\$104,522)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6000 & 620.6033) DOR Sales and Use tax Database Changes p.10	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6000 & 620.6033) DOR Withholding Computer System p.11	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6012) 50% diversion of sales tax and withholding to Innovation District Public Safety Fund p.10-11	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6012) Withholding Prepayment p.11-14	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6015) Employee Income Tax Exclusion p.14-15	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6018) 3% Employer Retention & Reinvestment Withholding Incentive p.15-18	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6021) Employer Relocation Withholding Incentive Tax Credit p.19	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.2024) Office-to-Residential and Upper Floor Conversion Expenditure Tax Credit(s) p.20-23	\$0	Up to (\$50,000,000)	Up to (\$51,000,000)	Up to (\$56,308,121)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.027) MO Opportunity Zone deferment or exclusion of income tax p.23-24	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6030) Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act p.24-27	\$0	Up to (\$6,000,000)	Up to (\$6,000,000)	Up to (\$14,929,920)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6033) Qualified Business Tax Credit(s)	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Revenue Gain</u> – (§620.2033.2(&)) Claw-back provision p.26	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost</u> – DOR (§§620.6009-620.2033) p.27				
Personal Service	(\$320,168)	(\$391,885)	(\$399,723)	(\$441,326)
Fringe Benefits	(\$237,678)	(\$288,304)	(\$291,457)	(\$331,792)
Expense & Equipment	(\$107,031)	(\$4,708)	(\$4,802)	(\$5,301)
<b>Total Costs – DOR</b>	<b>(\$664,877)</b>	<b>(\$684,897)</b>	<b>(\$695,982)</b>	<b>(\$778,419)</b>
FTE Change – DOR	8 FTE	8 FTE	8 FTE	8 FTE
<u>Cost</u> – DED (§§620.6009 – 620.6033) p.27				
Personal Service	(\$1,406,920)	(\$1,722,070)	(\$1,756,511)	(\$1,939,330)
Fringe Benefits	(\$810,903)	(\$986,665)	(\$1,000,517)	(\$1,104,652)
Expense & Equipment	(\$332,191)	(\$120,166)	(\$122,570)	(\$135,327)
<b>Total Costs – DED</b>	<b>(\$2,550,014)</b>	<b>(\$2,828,901)</b>	<b>(\$2,879,598)</b>	<b>(\$3,179,309)</b>
FTE Change – DED	18 FTE	18 FTE	18 FTE	18 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$4,419,413)</b>	<b>Could exceed (\$59,513,798)</b>	<b>Could Exceed (\$60,575,580)</b>	<b>Could Exceed (\$75,195,769)</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	26 FTE	26 FTE	26 FTE	26 FTE
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND (1688)</b>				
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6012) 50% diversion of sales tax and withholding to Innovation District Public Safety Fund p.12-15	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.2024) Office-to-Residential and Upper Floor Conversion Expenditure Tax Credit(s) p.20-23	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUST FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND (1609)</b>				
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6012) 50% diversion of sales tax and withholding to Innovation District Public Safety Fund p.12-15	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.2024) Office-to-Residential and Upper Floor Conversion Expenditure Tax Credit(s) p.20-23	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>
<b>PARK, SOIL, &amp; WATER SALES TAX FUND (1613 &amp; 1614)</b>				
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6012) 50% diversion of sales tax and withholding to Innovation District Public Safety Fund p.12-15	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.2024) Office-to-Residential and Upper Floor Conversion Expenditure Tax Credit(s) p.20-23	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON PARK, SOIL, &amp; WATER SALES TAX FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>
<b>RURAL MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>				
<u>Transfer-In</u> – (§620.6009) – 10% of net new property tax revenues from Local Political Subdivisions p.8-9	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Cost</u> – (§620.6009) DED awarding rural projects p.8-9	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON RURAL MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029	Fully Implemented (FY 2034)
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>				
<u>Transfer-Out</u> – (§620.6009) 10% diversion of a net new revenues from growth to Missouri Rural Development Fund p.8-9	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> – (620.6003 to 620.6006) Local Tax Incentives (tax abatement and tax increment financing) p.4	\$0	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<u>Revenue Gain</u> – (§620.6009) DED awarding rural projects p.8-9	\$0	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Transfer-In</u> – (§620.6012) 50% Diversion of net new state revenues, sales tax, and withholdings to local innovation zone public safety fund p.12-15	<u>\$0</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>	\$0 or <u>Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown) to Unknown</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

A fiscal impact on small businesses could be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "Missouri Innovation, Public Safety, and Accountability Act" by creating new Sections in Chapter 620, RSMo, to authorize the designation of innovation districts and the use of certain economic development incentives administered by the Department of Economic Development (DED).

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

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