

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6480H.011
Bill No.: HB 3038
Subject: Department of Health and Senior Services; Elderly; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes an Office of Special Investigations within the Department of Health and Senior Services to assist in abuse and neglect investigations.

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
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** and **Office of the State Courts Administrator** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

§192.2515 - Office of Special Investigations

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** 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 DHSS website (<https://health.mo.gov/seniors/abuse.php>) describes the current Adult Protective Services (APS) program as follows:

APS is a social services program focused on helping elderly adults and adults with disabilities live with dignity and respect by investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation.

In Missouri, an elderly adult or adult with disabilities must meet all of these criteria:

- *18-59 years old with a disability or 60 and over.*
- *Unable to protect his/her own interests or meet his/her essential needs.*
- *Lives in the community or a facility and is currently located in Missouri.*

APS will investigate the suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation and connect the individual with support services if the individual wishes to receive them.

If the alleged victim lives in his or her own home or community, an investigator will help the alleged victim determine the services or interventions needed to stop or alleviate the abuse. The services may include:

- *community supportive services, such as personal care, respite, or chore services;*
- *home-delivered nutrition services;*
- *financial or legal assistance and protections, such as representative payee, direct deposit, trusts, protective services, civil suit or criminal charges;*
- *counseling for the victim;*
- *referral to other community resources, and;*
- *when needed, guardianship proceedings or nursing home placement.*

Officials from the, **Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Safety (Office of the Director, Missouri Highway Patrol and Missouri Veterans Commission), Phelps County Sheriff's Department, Branson Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, and St. Louis County Police Department** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other nursing homes, circuit clerks, county prosecutors and local law enforcement agencies 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
	<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

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, may duplicate services in other programs, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services

Department of Mental Health

Department of Public Safety –

Office of the Director

Missouri Highway Patrol

Missouri Veterans Commission

Phelps County Sheriff's Department

Branson Police Department

Kansas City Police Department

St. Louis County Police Department



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