

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6775H.011
 Bill No.: HB 3003
 Subject: Fire Protection; Political Subdivisions
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires inspections of fire-life-safety damper devices.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$640,260 to \$881,896)	(\$540,102 to \$724,193)	(\$548,943 to \$736,063)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$640,260 to \$881,896)	(\$540,102 to \$724,193)	(\$548,943 to \$736,063)

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
General Revenue	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE

- 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

§320.103 – Fire Suppression and Safety

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Division of Fire Safety (DPS-DFS)** assume the need for approximately 6 to 8 FTE: 5 to 7 Senior Safety Inspectors and 1 clerical staff. DFS estimates the additional funding needs of nearly \$900,000 in the first year.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by DPS-DFS.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director’s Office** and **Office of the State Courts Administrator** 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 notes this proposal includes a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 that may be assessed for each violation and for each day the violation continues. Oversight assumes there would be a minimal amount of penalty revenue from violations of the statute. For simplicity, Oversight will not reflect the increased revenue from penalties.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City** assume the proposed legislation has a negative fiscal impact of \$3.7 to \$4 million annually because it would require 15 to 17 Inspectors, 5 to 6 low-level managers, and 1 to 2 mid-level managers.

Oversight assumes local political subdivisions may incur costs related to this proposal; therefore, Oversight will reflect an “Unknown” cost in the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local political subdivisions 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - DPS-DFS (§320.103) p.3</u>			
Personal Service	(\$257,581 to \$345,806)	(\$315,280 to 423,267)	(\$321,585 to \$431,732)
Fringe Benefits	(\$185,279 to \$247,990)	(\$224,822 to \$300,926)	(\$227,358 to \$304,331)
Expense and Equipment	(\$197,400 to \$288,100)	\$0	\$0
Total Costs – DPS-DFS	(\$640,261 to \$881,896)	(\$540,102 to \$724,193)	(\$548,943 to \$736,063)
FTE Change – DPS-DFS	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$640,260 to \$881,896)	(\$540,102 to \$724,193)	(\$548,943 to \$736,063)
Estimated Net FTE Change to General Revenue	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE	6 to 8 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost - (§320.103) To implement proposal 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 establishes the "Fire Life-Safety Damper Inspection Verification Act".

Any political subdivision that by code or standard requires fire life-safety dampers must require that such fire life-safety dampers are:

- (1) Tested for compliance within 12 months of installation; and
- (2) Periodically tested no less than once every four years thereafter.

These provisions apply to every fire life-safety damper required by a code or standard of any political subdivision that requires a fire life-safety damper other than those in one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses three stories or fewer above grade plane.

All tests and inspections must comply with certain standards, as described in the bill. Those performing the tests and inspections must have certain qualifications, as described in the bill. If the smoke or fire dampers pass the applicable tests and inspections, the qualified person performing the test or inspection will execute a compliance certification, as described in the bill. The building owner must maintain a copy of the compliance certification and make it available for inspection upon request.

In the event a test or inspection reveals deficiencies, a deficiency report identifying the nature of said deficiencies must be prepared, as described in the bill. The building owner must take necessary steps, detailed in the bill, to correct the deficiencies within 30 days. A notice of verification of the testing and inspection must be posted in the outside lobby window of the building for clear public display. The requirements for the notice are provided in the bill.

Failure to comply with these provisions will constitute a violation and subject the building owner to civil penalties, as described in the bill.

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 Public Safety
Division of Fire Safety
Director's Office
Office of the State Courts Administrator
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