

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 7148H.03C
 Bill No.: HCS for HB 3289
 Subject: Courts; Civil Procedure; Attorneys; General Assembly; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils
 Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies and establishes provisions relating to court operations.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(Could exceed \$803,970)	(Could exceed \$939,360)	(Could exceed \$939,360)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Could exceed \$803,970)	(Could exceed \$939,360)	(Could exceed \$939,360)

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	10 FTE	10 FTE	10 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	10 FTE	10 FTE	10 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	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact for this proposal.

§§476.050, 476.055, 476.056, 476.1025, 478.003, 478.250, 483.005, 483.082, 483.140, 483.390, 509.520, and 510.030 – Court Operations

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state the proposed legislation modifies and establishes provisions relating to court operations.

Section 478.003 adds a treatment court administrator employed by the court in each circuit having a treatment court division. The FY27 salary is projected to be \$930,750 (\$93,075 * 10 FTE) including fringe, plus E&E of \$29,780 (\$2,978*10 FTE) with \$21,170 one-time (\$2,117 * 10 FTE one-time).

The proposed legislative addition of a treatment court administrator or coordinator is approximately \$960,530 and 10 FTE.

Sections 476.050, 476.055, 476.056, 476.1025, 478.250, 483.005, 483.082, 483.140, 483.390, 509.520 & 510.030, and the repeal of 561.031, may have some impact but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

Oversight has no information to the contrary. Oversight assumes the estimated impact provided by OSCA for §478.003 is for a full year and will present 10 months for FY27. In addition, Oversight will present costs as potentially exceeding the amount provided by OSCA since it assumes other sections may have an impact on Courts as well.

Officials from the **Office of Administration, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Office of the State Public Defender, Office of the State Treasurer, Missouri House of Representatives and Missouri Senate** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, various county officials were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

Rule Promulgation

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

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – OSCA (\$478.003) p. 3</u>			
Personal service and fringe benefits	(\$775,625)	(\$930,750)	(\$930,750)
Equipment and expense	(\$28,345)	(\$8,610)	(\$8,610)
Total Costs - OSCA	(\$803,970)	(\$939,360)	(\$939,360)
FTE Change - OSCA	10 FTE	10 FTE	10 FTE
<u>Cost – OSCA (Various Sections) Potential increase in costs p.3</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(Could exceed \$803,970)	(Could exceed \$939,360)	(Could exceed \$939,360)
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	10 FTE	10 FTE	10 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The bill makes technical changes to the Statewide Court Automation Fund, and it makes changes to the makeup of the Court Automation Committee, including:

- (1) Requiring the judicial members of the Committee to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court;
- (2) Adding two members of the Missouri Bar appointed by the governors of the Missouri Bar. The bill repeals a provision designating the two members from the Bar as ex-officio members of the Committee;
- (3) Clarifying that, of the members on the Committee from the Senate and the House of Representatives, one member from each chamber must be from the majority party and one must be from the minority party;
- (4) Adding two ex officio members: one being the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court or his or her designee, and the other being the Commissioner of Administration or his or her designee.

The bill specifies that members of the Committee will serve for two-year terms and will be reimbursed from the Statewide Court Automation Fund for their actual expenses in performing their official committee duties. The bill authorizes the Committee to implement pilot projects in the State at any time. The Committee is required to submit a report on the progress of the court automation system electronically by the 15th of January of each year to the chairs of the specified committees or their successor committees.

In any judicial circuit of this state, a majority of the judges of a circuit court may designate a judge to hear cases arising in the circuit subject to the provisions of sections 478.001 to 478.009. In lieu thereof and subject to appropriations, a majority of the judges may appoint a person or persons to act as treatment court commissioners. Each commissioner shall be appointed for a term of four years, but may be removed by a majority of the judges of the circuit court. The qualifications, compensation, and retirement benefits of the commission shall be the same as that of an associate judge.

The Missouri supreme court may assign a treatment court commission to serve in the treatment court division of a circuit other than the circuit in which the commissioner is appointed. In each circuit having a treatment court division that has neither a treatment court administrator nor a treatment court commissioner, the court shall employ a treatment court administrator, subject to appropriations.

The bill creates definitions for the statutes related to court records and the statewide court automation system. The definitions include, among others, "case record", "confidential information", and "minor child". The bill requires confidential information and confidential records in a case record to be inaccessible to the general public, as provided under Missouri Supreme Court Rules.

The bill makes changes to the information that must be redacted from court documents, including pleadings, attachments, and exhibits.

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 Corrections
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Office of Administration
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of the State Treasurer
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
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