

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 7325H.03C  
 Bill No.: HCS for HB Nos. 3434, 3460 & 2628  
 Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Victims of Crime; Crimes and Punishment  
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\*DPS assumes unknown costs could exceed \$250,000 annually.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
DPS Crime Victims Federal Fund (1191)*	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\*DPS assumes unknown costs could exceed \$250,000 annually.

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

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</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
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

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

#### §595.410 – Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, **Department of Public Safety – Office of the Director**, **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol**, and **Missouri House of Representatives** 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.

Officials from the **Missouri Senate (SEN)** assume a negative fiscal impact to reimburse two (2) Senators for travel to Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force meetings. It will cost approximately \$357 each time the task force meets.

**Oversight** assumes the potential cost to be immaterial and will not present the cost for fiscal note purposes.

Oversight notes the proposal states the Attorney General's Office (AGO) shall provide administrative support to the task force. Oversight assumes AGO could absorb any costs related to this proposal; therefore, Oversight will not reflect a fiscal impact.

#### §§191.713 & 197.135 – Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS)**, **Office of the Director (DO)** state adding the requirement to pay for medical treatment and emergency contraception (in addition to the current standard of paying for medical exam), would increase the cost per victim and drain the cash available, thus creating the possibility that some crime victims may not have their medical exam paid for.

**Oversight** reached out to DPS/DO for more information on the crime funds. **DPS-DO** provided the following:

This proposal changes what is reimbursable to those medical providers who perform the forensic exam (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam-SAFE) on adults, and expands it to include not only the exam, but adds medical treatment and emergency contraception. General Revenue (1101) and

DPS Crime Victims Federal Fund (1191) support the SAFE Program (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam for adults).

The Crime Victims Compensation funding is used to compensate victims and survivors of violent crimes to offset expenses incurred as a result of the crime. This program has had over 3,000 claims received each year since FY 15, with three fiscal years seeing over 4,000 claims. The last three complete fiscal years have seen payments totaling over \$2 million each year.

Officials state that the costs of the additional requirements of this proposal are unknown but could exceed \$250,000 annually.

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

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state section 191.713.1 of the proposed legislation establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

Section 191.713.3 of the proposed legislation requires hospitals and health care facilities that provide emergency care to sexual assault victims to provide specified standards of care and Section 191.713.4 assigns responsibility of the promulgation of all rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation to the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

It is assumed it will take a Regulatory Compliance Manager (salary \$102,115) within the Division of Regulation and Licensure's (DRL) Section for Health Standards and Licensure (HSL) approximately 40 hours to make the required changes to state rules. Based on 2,080 working hours per year, this would require 0.02 FTE to assume these duties ( $40 \text{ hours} \div 2,080 \text{ hours per year} = 0.02$ ) for a total personal service cost of \$2,042 ( $\$102,115 * 0.02$ ). It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

Section 191.713.3 also proposes changes to the standard of care for survivors of sexual assault in Missouri. The Office on Women's Health (OWH) currently provides training and technical assistance for hospitals in accordance with 192.2520 RSMo. The OWH would need to develop a webinar and training materials for hospitals and health care facilities in Missouri. The requirements associated with training providers are already primarily implemented, but there would be a small amount of additional work associated with altering current efforts to meet the specific standard of the legislation. A Registered Nurse Supervisor would be required for an average of 95 hours to prepare needed materials and training. An existing FTE would be utilized to provide this. It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

Section 191.713.3 (3) of the proposed legislation would require health care facilities to provide sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment to sexual assault victims. This could increase the number of patient samples that the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL) would receive for HIV, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B testing as some health care facilities send their tests for screening to the SPHL. It is assumed that the Department can absorb the costs of this bill with current resources. However, if the workload significantly increased or other legislation was enacted, additional resources would be requested through the appropriation process.

**Oversight** assumes DHSS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DHSS could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DHSS could request funding through the appropriation process. Officials from the DHSS assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Public Safety (Missouri Highway Patrol), Department of Social Services, and Newton County Health 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 local public health agencies and hospitals 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
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost - DPS (§§191.713, 197.135 and 595.220) Unknown increase in payments p.4</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>
<b>DPS CRIME VICTIMS FEDERAL FUND (1191)</b>			
<u>Cost - DPS (§§191.713, 197.135 and 595.220) Unknown increase in payments p.4</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON DPS CRIME VICTIMS FEDERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill creates the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act", which establishes the standard of care for hospitals and any health care facilities providing emergency care to sexual assault victims. Under the Act, the hospitals and health care facilities must orally inform each sexual assault victim the option to be provided emergency contraception, must provide the complete regimen of emergency contraception immediately to any victim who requests it, and must provide sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment to the victim.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must create all rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the Act.

This bill establishes the "Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force", which will be composed of various members, including two members from the Senate, one appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate; and two member of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House. The remaining Task Force members not otherwise specified to be appointed by department directors will be appointed by the Attorney General.

The Task Force will study best practices and make recommendations regarding the statewide response to sexual assault from the time of a complaint through each phase of the investigative, medical, advocacy, and justice system response. The bill specifies the Task Force's other duties and requirements. The Attorney General will provide administrative support to the Task Force. On or before December 31, 2028, the Task Force must submit its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Task Force will expire on December 31, 2028.

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  
Office of the Director  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Missouri House of Representatives  
Missouri Senate  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Department of Social Services  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
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