

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 7426H.01I
Bill No.: HB 3451
Subject: Children and Minors; Department of Social Services; Crimes and Punishment
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes provisions that require any face-to-face interview regarding child abuse or neglect to be recorded.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$35,837)	(\$22,134)	(\$22,687)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$35,837)	(\$22,134)	(\$22,687)

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

§210.141 - Any Face-To-Face Interview Regarding Child Abuse or Neglect to Be Recorded

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** state the Children's Division (CD) has approximately 1,600 frontline staff and supervisors who may need to be outfitted with audio/visual recording devices. However, they may be able to use state-issued cell phones to capture audio/visual recordings to be uploaded into On-Base within CD's CCWIS (aka, FACES) system as an alternative to procuring an external cloud storage system to confidentially maintain recordings for at least 5 years pursuant to the proposed legislation.

CD defers to ITSD regarding the costs associated with the confidential storage and retrieval capabilities of audio/visual recordings of face-to-face interviews with children and adults involved in CA/N reports received through the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline Unit (CANHU).

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for DSS-CD.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA), Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)/DSS** state on-premises data storage and increased power usage would be required to implement this proposal.

ITSD investigated several options and determined on-premises storage would be most cost effective. Year one costs are about the same for cloud storage versus on-premises storage. However, cloud storage costs would double each year (i.e. \$15K, \$30K, 60K, \$120K etc.) and would soon be cost prohibitive.

OA, ITSD/DSS assumes every new IT project/system will be bid out because all ITSD resources are at full capacity. IT contract rates for the proposed changes are estimated at \$105/hour. It is assumed system modifications will require 164.15 hours for a cost of \$17,237 (164.15 * \$105) in FY27; and continued costs of \$3,534 FY28 and \$3,622 in FY29 and ongoing. Additionally, they would require cloud storage costs of \$15,000 and \$3,600 for power each year. These costs will be 100% GR.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the costs provided by ITSD/DSS for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of Administration, 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** 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, other 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - OA, ITSD/DSS (\$210.141)</u> System updates, data storage and power p.3	<u>(\$35,837)</u>	<u>(\$22,134)</u>	<u>(\$22,687)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$35,837)</u>	<u>(\$22,134)</u>	<u>(\$22,687)</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

This bill requires any face-to-face interview for the purposes of an assessment of alleged child abuse or neglect by the Department of Social Services be recorded either by audio or video. All

recordings must be securely stored and only software or applications approved by the Department will be used to generate the recordings.

A person who is charged with alleged child abuse or neglect will be unable to sustain a motion or have standing objecting to any failure by the Department to comply with the requirements of this bill. Failure by the Department to comply cannot be the sole grounds to preclude statements made by a child during the interview that would be otherwise admissible in a criminal or civil proceeding.

Any recording must be retained and stored for no less than five years. Copies of any recordings can be issued only to those investigating an allegation or prosecuting an offense relating to an allegation, or upon request by a caregiver or guardian unless the court orders otherwise.

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
Phelps County Sheriff's Department
Kansas City Police Department
St. Louis County Police Department



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