

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0411-03
Bill No.: Truly Agreed and Finally Passed HCS for SB 21
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law; Health Department
Type: Original
Date: May 26, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Revenue	(\$97,015 - \$427,015)	(\$96,221 - \$426,221)	(\$95,403 - \$425,403)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$97,015 - \$427,015)	(\$96,221 - \$426,221)	(\$95,403 - \$425,403)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Putative Father Registry Fund	\$97,015	\$96,221	\$95,403
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$97,015	\$96,221	\$95,403

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Income and Costs of \$0 to \$170,000 would net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **State Treasurer's Office** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume the fees currently being deposited in the General Revenue Fund would be deposited in the new Putative Father Registry Fund. The DOH states there are approximately 3,600 adoptions in Missouri annually. The DOH states this currently generates about \$180,000 in General Revenue fees which would then be deposited in the Putative Father Registry Fund. DOH assumes there would be cost for 3 FTE in year three of \$183,215.

Oversight assumes the intent of this legislation is to deposit the \$50 fee into and pay related costs from the Putative Father Registry Fund for FY 06 and beyond. **Oversight** will use the income and costs presented in SB 964 (L.R. 3047-01) from the 2004 session.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume this proposal clarifies that the \$50 adoption fee provided for in Section 453.020 must be placed in the Putative Father Registry Fund. CTS estimated approximately \$170,000 would be raised in any given year.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS) - Children's Division (CD)** assume this proposal would allow DOS to establish and implement an ongoing advertising campaign for foster and adoptive families, particularly those for children with special needs.

CD states an advertising campaign was initiated during a 6 month period in CY 2002 using approximately \$225,000 available through adoption incentive monies as well as grant monies. (These funding sources would not be available for this project during this time period as Adoption Incentive monies are already allocated.)

CD states with a budget of \$500,000 for a statewide campaign over a 12 month period, the CD could implement an effective advertising campaign building on the strengths of the prior campaign.

The following methods would be incorporated:

- Direct Mail Campaign: \$50,000 (approximately \$35,000 spent in 2002)
- Print media Campaign: \$200,000 (approximately \$90,000 spent in 2002)
- Broadcast media Campaign: \$250,000 (approximately \$100,000 spent in 2002 to include radio and television).

The CD owns the rights to ads developed and used in the previous campaign. These are available for other ad campaigns; therefore, up front development costs would be reduced.

Print media is available for distribution and the toll-free hotline is currently in use to provide information about adoption to prospective foster/adoptive parents. The Social Services website contains adoption information that is continually being expanded and could serve such a purpose well.

The proposed legislation states that the DOS, with the assistance of the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall be responsible for these things subject to appropriations. In order to develop the advertising component of this bill, the CD states it would need \$500,000. However, since this legislation is subject to appropriation, the Division would provide outreach based upon the amount appropriated.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Savings</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services			
Expense and equipment	\$26,456	\$27,250	\$28,068
<u>Savings</u> - Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services			
Filing fee	\$46,529	\$46,529	\$46,529
<u>Costs</u> - Department of Social Services - Children's Division			
Program Costs	(\$0 - \$330,000)	(\$0 - \$330,000)	(\$0 - \$330,000)
<u>Loss</u> - Office of State Courts Administrator			
Filing fees	(\$170,000)	(\$170,000)	(\$170,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$97,015 - \$427,015)</u>	<u>(\$96,221 - \$426,221)</u>	<u>(\$95,403 - \$425,403)</u>

**PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY
 FUND**

Income - Office of State Courts
 Administrator

Filing fees	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000
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Costs - Department of Health and Senior
 Services

Expense and equipment	(\$26,456)	(\$27,250)	(\$28,068)
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Costs - Department of Social Services -
 Division of Family Services

Filing fees	<u>(\$46,529)</u>	<u>(\$46,529)</u>	<u>(\$46,529)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY
 FUND**

<u>\$97,015</u>	<u>\$96,221</u>	<u>\$95,403</u>
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FEDERAL

Income - Department of Social Services
 Program Reimbursements

\$0 - \$170,000	\$0 - \$170,000	\$0 - \$170,000
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Costs - Department of Social Services
 Program Costs

<u>(\$0 - \$170,000)</u>	<u>(\$0 - \$170,000)</u>	<u>(\$0 - \$170,000)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 FEDERAL FUNDS**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This act modifies the "Adoption Awareness Law" and provides that the department of social services, with the assistance of the department of health and senior services, may establish and implement an advertising campaign to recruit adoptive and foster care families. The department is also required to establish a toll-free telephone number for information on adoption and foster care and to answer questions and assist persons inquiring about becoming adoptive parents or foster parents.

This act creates the Putative Father Registry Fund and provides that the fifty dollar filing fee for an adoption petition shall be deposited in the fund.

This act also modifies the provisions dealing with the registry of biological parents and adopted adults. The age in the definitions for "adopted adult" and "adopted sibling" was changed from a person who is twenty-one years of age or older to a person who is eighteen years of age or older. The age for an "adopted child" was changed to any person who is less than eighteen years of age.

Current law provides that the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services shall maintain a registry by which biological parents and adoptive adults may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other. This act provides that adult siblings may also sign up on the registry. Further, this act provides that at the time of registry, a biological parent or adult sibling may consent in writing to the release of identifying information to an adopted adult.

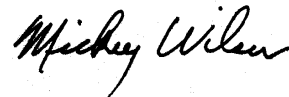
Current law provides that an adopted adult may make a written request to the circuit court to secure and disclose information identifying the adopted adult's biological parents. This act provides that if the biological parents have consented to the release of identifying information, the court shall disclose such identifying information to the adopted adult. If the biological parents have not consented to the release of the information, the court shall, within ten days of receipt of the request, notify the adoptive parents of the request and of the agency or juvenile court having access to the information requested by the adopted adult.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services
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