

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3256-03
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SCS for SB 578
Subject: Cemeteries; Civil Rights; Crimes and Punishment; Funerals and Funeral Directors; Military Affairs; Veterans.
Type: Original
Date: February 22, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety - Director's Office** and the **Missouri Veteran's Commission** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** state the proposal will not have a significant direct fiscal impact on county prosecutors, although it may lead to an increase in prosecutions/caseloads.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** state they cannot assume that existing staff will provide competent, effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with the proposed new crime of protesting during a funeral service. This new crime will require more Public Defender resources.

Passage of bills increasing penalties on existing crimes, or creating new crimes, requires the State Public Defender System to further extend resources. While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this

ASSUMPTION (continued)

specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide competent and effective representation in all its cases.

Oversight assumes the SPD can absorb the additional caseload that may result from this proposal.

Officials from the St. Joseph Police Department, Buchanan County Sheriff's Office and the Platte County Sheriff's Office did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal makes it unlawful for any person to engage in protest activities within one hour prior to the commencement of any funeral service, and until one hour following the cessation of the service. First violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor and subsequent violations are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. This proposal shall be known as "Spc. Edward Lee Myers' Law".

This proposal contains an emergency clause.

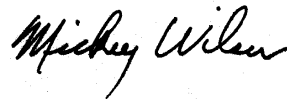
DESCRIPTION (continued)

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 Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender
Department of Corrections

NOT RESPONDING: St. Joseph Police Department, Buchanan County Sheriff, Platte County Sheriff



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