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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0353-01
Bill No.: SB 46
Subject: Social Services Department; Public assistance; Charities; Religion
Type: Original
Date: January 22, 2007

Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Faith-based Organization Liaison Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Division of Youth Services (DYS)** assume that current employees may be given the liaison role as a non-primary assignment, but it is unknown as to how labor intensive the liaison role might become. The division assumes that obtained services would be supplemental and that established eligibility criteria for assistance and services would remain unchanged. The division further assumes that the obligation for assuring appropriate levels of service also remains unchanged. Thus, the level of need for appropriations may also remain unchanged. The level of cost effectiveness, equity, predictability and sustainability of the services and assistance delivered by the faith-based community are unknown.

DYS further assumes DSS would identify regional departmental persons to act with a primary job function as "Faith Based Liaison." Thus, DSS could potentially incur a fiscal impact related to increased personnel. However, DYS does not interpret the bill to require each DSS division to identify a liaison. Therefore, the DYS believes its fiscal impact should remain at zero.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD) and Family Support Division (FSD)** states Section 660.750.3 RSMo indicates the stated duties to be the "primary function" of the designees. CD and FSD believe the divisions can fulfill the requirements stated in this proposal by existing staff. However, the existing staff may still need to be responsible for other duties. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the CD or FSD Divisions.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Division of Medical Services (DMS)** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency. DMS does not have regional offices; therefore employees from DMS could not be designated. If the liaison from another division's regional office would need assistance from DMS regarding this proposal, it could be provided by present staff.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Division of Budget and Finance** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their division.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<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. However, some faith-based organizations may be able to enter into new contracts, should funds become available.

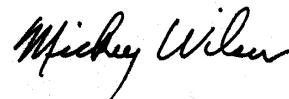
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Social Services



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