

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2575-01  
Bill No.: SB 694  
Subject: Fire Protection; Health Care; Highway Patrol; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Parks and Recreation; Probation and Parole; State Employees; Water Patrol  
Type: Original  
Date: March 27, 2007

Bill Summary: Provides for continued health care benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of public safety officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue	(Unknown less than \$55,000)	(Unknown less than \$66,000)	(Unknown less than \$66,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$55,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Other State	(Unknown less than \$10,833)	(Unknown less than \$13,000)	(Unknown less than \$13,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$10,833)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>
Federal	(Unknown less than \$17,500)	(Unknown less than \$21,000)	(Unknown less than \$21,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$17,500)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</b>	<b>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</b>

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

- 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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Missouri Department of Transportation, Department of Social Services, Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, DPS - Capitol Police, DPS - Director's Office, DPS - Division of Fire Safety, DPS - Water Patrol, Department of Corrections, and Missouri Department of Conservation** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **DPS - Missouri State Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for response regarding the fiscal impact of this proposal on their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume that this proposal would have no fiscal impact with regard to requirements to provide insurance to its employees. The AGO assumes there could be costs associated with any challenges filed against agencies that do not provide the insurance required under this proposal. The AGO also assumes that any challenges could be handled with existing resources. If the AGO has the handle multiple challenges under this proposal, the AGO will seek additional resources through the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (HCP)** state the HCP currently provides healthcare benefits to dependants of active vested employees and terminated vested employees who die. The dependants must notify HCP within 31 days of the subscriber's death to receive benefits. Dependants are responsible for the full cost of the premium. Continued benefits are also available for disabled employees and their dependants.

Dependants of employees who are not vested have the opportunity to elect coverage under COBRA for healthcare coverage up to 36 months.

The HCP notes that this legislation would not apply to public safety officers for the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, or the Missouri Department of Conservation since they have separate health benefit plans.

The proposed legislation would have a fiscal impact on HCP of less than \$100,000 annually.

Officials from the **Taney County Ambulance District** state the fiscal impact of this proposal is unknown at this time.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan</u>			
Increase in state share of health insurance costs	<u>(Unknown less than \$55,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$55,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$66,000)</u></b>
<b>OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<u>Costs - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan</u>			
Increase in state share of health insurance costs	<u>(Unknown less than \$10,833)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$10,833)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$13,000)</u></b>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<u>Costs - Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan</u>			
Increase in state share of health insurance costs	<u>(Unknown less than \$17,500)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$17,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown less than \$21,000)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - COUNTIES AND CITIES</b>			
<u>Costs - Counties and Cities</u>			
Increase in health insurance costs	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - COUNTIES AND CITIES</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

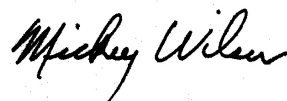
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal provides that any state agency, political subdivision, or other entity that provides health care benefits under the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan to employees who are within the definition of a public safety officer as provided in Section 173.260, RSMo, shall continue to provide the same health care benefits to any surviving spouse and dependents of such employee if he or she is killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

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

Office of Attorney General  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Public Safety -  
    Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control  
    Capitol Police  
    Director's Office  
    Division of Fire Safety  
    Missouri State Highway Patrol  
    Water Patrol  
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
Taney County Ambulance District



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