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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Summary: The proposal requires court personnel to redact Social Security numbers from certain court records prior to disclosure to the public.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Revenue	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would require court personnel to redact Social Security numbers from any case record involving any claim filed under Chapter 452, RSMo, whether written or published on the Internet, prior to disclosure to the public.

Social Security numbers are not available on the Internet through Case.net; however, redacting Social Security numbers from Chapter 452 cases will be time consuming for court clerks. In FY 2007, approximately 37,912 cases were filed under this Chapter. This provision will add approximately 227,472 minutes to the clerk workload statewide.

While CTS is unable to provide a specific dollar amount at this time, CTS assumes the cost would easily exceed \$100,000 in any given year.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of State Courts Administrator</u>			
Clerk costs	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(More than \$100,000)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2010	 FY 2011
	<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.

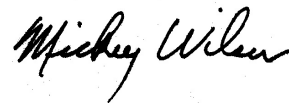
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation provides that court personnel shall be required to redact Social Security numbers from case records involving certain domestic relations claims prior to disclosure to the public. The court may allow access to unredacted records if it determines that the person or entity requesting the information has a legitimate interest in obtaining the information, and that no harm will be caused to the person whose Social Security number is disclosed.

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 State Courts Administrator



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