

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0194-02
Bill No.: SCS for SB 8
Subject: Department of Public Safety; Law Enforcement Agencies and Officers; Criminal Procedure; Science and Technology
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Bill Summary: The proposal creates a “Crime Laboratory Review Commission” to independently review the operations of crime laboratories in the state of Missouri that receive state-administered funding.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	(\$2,245)	(\$2,312)	(\$2,381)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$2,245)	(\$2,312)	(\$2,381)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Governor, Department of Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Senate, and the Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume the proposal would not have a significant direct fiscal impact on county prosecutors or the Office of Prosecution Services.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director’s Office (DPS)** assume they would incur costs for quarterly meetings. DPS assumes three members of the commission would reside in the Jefferson City area and two would have to travel to Jefferson City. DPS assumes three commissioners would require one night’s lodging and one day’s per diem for each of the meetings. DPS assumes four meetings would take place each year. Mileage is based on an average of approximately 300 miles round trip for each meeting at \$.52 per mile. DPS assumes the total cost to be \$2,245 in FY 10 and approximately \$2,300 in subsequent years.

Officials from the Independence Police Department, St. Louis Metropolitan Crime Laboratory, and the St. Louis County Crime Laboratory did not respond to Oversight’s request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Department of Public Safety</u>			
Commissioner travel, lodging, and meals	(\$2,245)	(\$2,312)	(\$2,381)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$2,245)</u>	<u>(\$2,312)</u>	<u>(\$2,381)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<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 proposal creates a five-member “Crime Laboratory Review Commission” to independently review the operations of crime laboratories in the state of Missouri that receive state-administered funding.

The commission shall have the power to assess the capabilities and needs of the crime labs and make recommendations for improvements, authorize independent external investigations into allegations of misconduct or negligence, issue reprimands to crime labs and their employees or contractors found to be negligent or engaging in misconduct, make recommendations for crime lab procedure when labs are found to be negligent, and issue reports summarizing findings of negligence or misconduct and making recommendations regarding revocation or suspension of grant funding.

The commission shall submit an annual report to the governor making recommendations to improve the operation of crime labs in the state of Missouri.

The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to revoke grant money from a crime lab if it does not cooperate with the commission or if allegations of serious negligence or misconduct are substantiated by the commission.

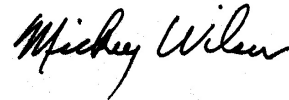
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Governor
Department of Public Safety
 – Director’s Office
 – Missouri State Highway Patrol
Office of Prosecution Services
Missouri Senate
Office of the Secretary of State

NOT RESPONDING

**Independence Police Department
St. Louis Metropolitan Crime Laboratory
St. Louis County Crime Laboratory**



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