

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0865-05  
Bill No.: Perfected SS for SCS for SB 129  
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Nurses; Physicians; Health, Public; Liability  
Type: Original  
Date: March 5, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act to allow for licensed health care professionals to provide volunteer services for a sponsoring organization.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\* Revenue and expenditures unknown but net to \$0.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Due to time constraints, officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** did not have time to submit a response to the fiscal note request. However, in response to the previous version of this proposal, the DHSS stated that although the proposal does not duplicate any other program, the Division of Community and Public Health Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism works with the statewide health care professionals' volunteer programs that would be used during public health emergencies, either natural disasters or man-made. These include the Show-Me Response and Medical Reserve Corps. The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professional program, known as Show-Me Response, is mandated through the federal Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response grant requirements. It is a nationwide program and each state keeps a registry of medical professionals willing to volunteer during an emergency.

#### §191.1106 - Registration of Sponsoring Organizations:

The number of sponsoring organizations (any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services and registers with the department of health and senior services as a sponsoring organization) is unknown. As a result, the number of registrations and the resulting fee revenue (\$50 X the number of registrations) is unknown. For fiscal note purposes, it is assumed all fees are deposited in General Revenue.

Since DHSS, Division of Regulation and Licensure (DRL) does not know the number of potential sponsoring organizations, the number of staff and the related costs that would be required to administer the program is also unknown.

It is also unknown if this legislation covers sponsoring organizations and voluntary health care services used on a day-to-day basis, during medical surge situations or only during a public health emergency.

Therefore, DHHS assumes an Unknown positive impact to an (Unknown) cost impact to the General Revenue Fund for fiscal note purposes.

**Oversight** assumes the cost to administer the program will be covered by the revenue from the sponsoring organizations; therefore, the net fiscal impact of the proposal is \$0.

Due to time constraints, officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** did not have an opportunity to respond to the fiscal note request. However, in response to the previous version of

ASSUMPTION (continued)

the proposal, the SOS stated many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The Secretary of State's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, it is also recognized that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain within its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** state the legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to JCAR beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration** and the **Department of Mental Health** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Income - DHSS</u>			
Registration fees	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Costs - DHHS</u>			
Program administration expenditures	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

If any of the sponsoring organizations are small businesses, there would be an unknown impact on them to register and provide quarterly reports. There would also be a \$50 registration fee. It is unclear if the legislation would require a one-time registration fee or an annual fee.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes the Volunteer Health Services Act which allows a licensed health care provider to provide volunteer professional health care services for a sponsoring organization without additional licensure requirements.

Before a health care professional can provide volunteer services, the sponsoring organization shall register with the Department of Health and Senior Services and pay a \$50 fee. A sponsoring organization shall file a quarterly voluntary services report with the department, keep its records of health care provider volunteers up to date, and maintain the records for five years following the service rendered by the health care provider volunteer.

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  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions,  
and Professional Registration  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
Office of Secretary of State



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