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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6272-01
Bill No.: SB 973
Subject: Office of Administration; Attorney General; Children and Minors; Civil Procedure
Type: Original
Date: March 28, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal allows the Office of the Child Advocate to intervene on behalf of a child during judicial proceedings.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	(\$63,131)	(\$73,559)	(\$74,299)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$63,131)	(\$73,559)	(\$74,299)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	1	1	1
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1	1	1

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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Office of Child Advocate (OCA)** state section 37.710.2(5), RSMo would increase the responsibility of and the length of time the OCA is involved in a case and would likely increase the number of cases. OCA would need one new investigator at \$48,000 annually, plus benefits and related equipment and expense of \$2,729. This position would review cases and coordinate with the Attorney General’s Office to file pleadings necessary to intervene on behalf of the child. This individual would require experience working with the Children’s Division, Juvenile Officers and the courts.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if there is a significant increase in referrals.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** indicate that this proposal will have no fiscal impact on the **Children’s Division**, the **Division of Legal Services**, or the **Division of Youth Services**.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Mental Health**, and the **Department of Health and Senior Services** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - OA-OCA</u>			
Personal service	(\$40,000)	(\$48,480)	(\$48,965)
Fringe benefits	(\$20,402)	(\$24,727)	(\$24,975)
Equipment and expense	(\$2,729)	(\$352)	(\$359)
Total <u>Costs - OA</u>	<u>(\$63,131)</u>	<u>(\$73,559)</u>	<u>(\$74,299)</u>
FTE Change - OA	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$63,131)</u>	<u>(\$73,559)</u>	<u>(\$74,299)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Effect on the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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.

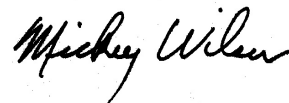
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows the Office of the Child Advocate within the Office of Administration to file any pleadings necessary in order to intervene on behalf of a child at the appropriate judicial level using the resources of the Office of the Attorney General.

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
Department of Mental Health
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services
Office of Administration -
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