

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1321-01
Bill No.: SB 261
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Health Care
Type: Original
Date: March 13, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal extends the sunset on the ground ambulance service reimbursement allowance tax to September 30, 2016.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Ambulance Provider Tax*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Revenues and expenditures of approximately \$21.5 million annually net to \$0.

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Federal*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Revenues and expenditures of approximately \$37 million annually net to \$0.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

In response to similar legislation from the current session, SB 167, officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** stated the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. The **DSS, Divisions of MO HealthNet (MHD)** and **Legal Services (DLS)** stated the proposed legislation grants a one-year extension for the Ambulance Provider Tax.

The proposed legislation allows the MHD to collect \$21,522,747 in ambulance tax, which will allow MHD to draw in federal funds of \$37,159,116 in FY 2016. The FY 2016 budget submitted by the DSS assumed the ambulance tax would continue through FY 2016. If the proposed legislation does not pass, additional General Revenue funds of \$21,522,747 would be needed to continue the current level of services.

In response to SB 167, officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Division of Budget and Planning (B&P)** state this proposal will not impact Total State Revenue and the proposal will not impact the calculation under Article X, Section 18(e). The proposal extends the sunset on the ground ambulance service reimbursement allowance tax to September 30, 2016.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (9 months)	FY 2017 (3 months)	FY 2018
AMBULANCE PROVIDER TAX FUND (§190.839)			
<u>Income - DSS</u>			
Assessment on Medicaid ambulance organizations	\$16,142,060	\$5,380,687	\$0
<u>Costs - DSS</u>			
Medicaid program costs	<u>(\$16,142,060)</u>	<u>(\$5,380,687)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON AMBULANCE PROVIDER TAX FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Income - DSS</u>			
Assessment on Medicaid ambulance organizations (§190.839)	\$27,869,337	\$9,289,779	\$0
<u>Costs - DSS</u>			
Medicaid program costs	<u>(\$27,869,337)</u>	<u>(\$9,289,779)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2016 (9 months)	 FY 2017 (3 months)	 FY 2018
	<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.

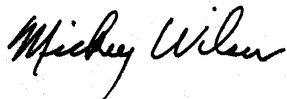
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal extends the sunset from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2016, for the Ground Ambulance Service Reimbursement Allowance Tax.

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

Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services -
 MO HealthNet Division
 Division of Legal Services
Office of Administration -
 Division of Budget and Planning



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