

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4813-01
Bill No.: SB 616
Subject: Boats and Watercraft
Type: Original
Date: January 5, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal expands the requirement for children to wear personal flotation devices.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Water Patrol Funds	(\$94,500)		
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(\$94,500)	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety's Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** assume the Water Patrol Division currently has 139 active boats (including one canoe and two inflatable boats). There are currently 66 Hummingbird sonar units in inventory. Therefore, 70 (139-1-2-66) Hummingbird side image sonar equipment units (depth finders) would need to be purchased at a cost of \$1,350 per unit for a total cost of \$94,500 (70 x \$1,350). Each sonar unit takes approximately four hours to install the unit on a boat.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide effective representation for any indigent clients faced with the expanded crime of failure to cause a child under 12 to wear a personal flotation device - a Class C misdemeanor.

While the number of new cases may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide effective representation.

Oversight assumes the SPD can absorb the additional caseload that may result from this proposal.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
WATER PATROL FUNDS			
<u>Cost - MHP - purchase of Hummingbird sonar units for an additional 70 boats</u>	<u>(\$94,500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON WATER PATROL FUNDS	<u>(\$94,500)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<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.

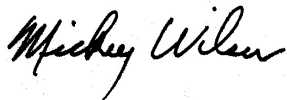
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, children under the age of seven years old are required to wear a personal flotation device when on board any watercraft on the waters of Missouri. This act names the provision "Hannah's Law" and raises the age until which a child is required to wear a personal flotation device to twelve. This act also requires a child who is wading or swimming in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth to wear a personal flotation device. This act exempts children from the personal flotation device requirement if supervised by a lifeguard.

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 Public Safety
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of Prosecution Services



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