

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0241-04
Bill No.: SCS for SB 156
Subject: Agriculture Department; Animals; Judges; Juries; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Veterinarians
Type: Original
Date: March 3, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law relating to animal care training for law enforcement agencies.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Revenue	(\$113,013)	(\$110,027)	(\$111,093)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$113,013)	(\$110,027)	(\$111,093)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** state the time and cost of 1 full time Veterinarian employee would be necessary to train and certify applicants, along with ensuring all Animal Care Training requirements are followed. Equipment and expenses (E & E) would be incurred for a vehicle, computer & phone.

AGR notes the cost for the full time Veterinarian employee salary was calculated with the assumption of this employee training, traveling, and processing paperwork. The salary range assumed is approximately \$73,000 per year with added fringe benefits. E & E is for a vehicle, computer and phone. The projected costs for equipment is \$25,867 with ongoing yearly expenses being approximately \$4,500.

In summary, AGR assumed a cost of approximately \$110,000 annually.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (Missouri Highway Patrol and Capitol Police)**, the **Department of Corrections**, and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In response to a previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Springfield Police Department** and the **Boone County Sheriff's Department** each assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

According to officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS 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 that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize 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 our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve 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.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume the proposal would not have a measurable fiscal impact on their agency. The creation of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors which may, in turn, result in additional costs which are difficult to determine.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials from the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons face enhanced penalties for assault on a law enforcement animal.

While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) 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 in all cases where the right to counsel attaches.

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

Officials from the Columbia Police, Independence Police Department, Platte County Sheriff's Department, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - AGR</u>			
Personal Service (1 FTE)	(\$60,530)	(\$73,362)	(\$74,096)
Fringe Benefits	(\$26,616)	(\$32,155)	(\$32,374)
Vehicle	(\$21,000)	\$0	\$0
Other expense and equipment	(\$4,867)	(\$4,510)	(\$4,623)
<u>Total Costs - AGR</u>	<u>(\$113,013)</u>	<u>(\$110,027)</u>	<u>(\$111,093)</u>
FTE Change - AGR	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$113,013)</u>	<u>(\$110,027)</u>	<u>(\$111,093)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change for the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<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

ANIMAL CARE TRAINING (Section 273.450) - This act requires individuals, or organizations on behalf of a group of individuals, seeking to train individuals responding to animal neglect and abuse incident reports to submit all training materials to the State Veterinarian for review with conformity with certain laws relating to animal care on an annual basis. Under this act, the State Veterinarian shall review such materials within 14 days, and shall either approve or disapprove such materials. Upon approval, the State Veterinarian shall issue a certification. All entities providing animal care training shall be certified by January 1, 2018, but extensions may be granted by the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

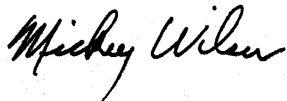
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Engaging in the business of animal care training without a certification from the State Veterinarian is a warning for the first offense, and a Class D misdemeanor for the second or any subsequent offense.

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 Agriculture
Department of Public Safety
Department of Natural Resources
Missouri Department of Conservation
Springfield Police Department
Boone County Sheriff's Department



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