

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4941-03
Bill No.: SB 797
Subject: Department of Agriculture; Animals; Crimes and Punishment; Judges; Juries;
 Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Veterinarians
Type: Original
Date: January 8, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal creates a certification process for individuals and organizations engaged in animal care training.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	(\$78,365)	(\$108,651)	(\$109,716)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$78,365)	(\$108,651)	(\$109,716)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** state the time and cost of one full time Veterinarian employee would be necessary to train and certify applicants, along with ensuring all Animal Care Training requirements are followed.

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 assumes a cost of approximately \$110,000 per year to the General Revenue Fund.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume 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, the SOS also recognizes 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 with the 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.

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.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** state that the proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to their agency beyond its current appropriation.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the fiscal impact of this proposal is unknown. There may be some impact but there is no way to quantify the impact at this time. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume no measurable impact to OPS. 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 at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with any subsequent offenses of unlawful animal care training, a new Class D misdemeanor.

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.

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

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** and **Department of Corrections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - AGR</u>			
Personal Service	(\$36,318)	(\$73,362)	(\$74,096)
Fringe Benefits	(\$16,180)	(\$30,779)	(\$30,997)
Vehicle	(\$21,000)	\$0	\$0
Other expense and equipment	(\$4,867)	(\$4,510)	(\$4,623)
<u>Total Costs - AGR</u>	<u>(\$78,365)</u>	<u>(\$108,651)</u>	<u>(\$109,716)</u>
FTE Change - AGR	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$78,365)</u>	<u>(\$108,651)</u>	<u>(\$109,716)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<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

The proposed legislation creates a certification process for individuals and organizations engaged in animal care training.

This proposal contains an effective date of January 1, 2019.

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
Office of the Secretary of State
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Department of Corrections
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender

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