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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: HB 1461
Subject: Victims of Crime; Domestic Relations; Courts; Children and Minors; Secretary of State
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the Address Confidentiality Program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue Fund	(\$4,620)	(\$22,376)	(\$25,121)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$4,620)	(\$22,376)	(\$25,121)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 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 Fund	0	.375 FTE	.375 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	.375 FTE	.375 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 **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume the proposal would merely be an expansion of the existing program known as Safe at Home.

Safe at Home average cost per participant for PS (personal services including benefits) is \$88.01, average cost for E&E (expenses and equipment) is \$22.21. Total General Revenue average yearly cost per program participant is \$110.22.

The current average rate of growth for the Safe at Home Program is 14% over the last three years. With the expansion of this program and more opportunity the range of growth could be between 14% to 20%.

	Active Participants	PS		EE		GR combined		FTE
		General Revenue	Avg cost	General Revenue	Avg cost	Total Cost	Avg	
FY14	1,078	\$ 113,995	105.75	\$ 28,956	26.86	\$ 142,951	132.61	1.2
FY15	1,266	\$ 123,092	97.23	\$ 22,875	18.07	\$ 145,967	115.30	2
FY16	1,449	\$ 124,776	86.11	\$ 33,592	23.18	\$ 158,368	109.29	2
FY17	1,576	\$ 127,174	80.69	\$ 39,984	25.37	\$ 167,158	106.06	2
FY18 *		\$ 140,246	83.73	\$ 43,800	26.15	\$ 190,723	113.86	2.625

*budgeted

Projected Active Participants	PS	EE	Total Cost	FTE
3,500	\$ 308,040	\$ 77,726	\$ 385,766	5
3,000	\$ 264,035	\$ 66,622	\$ 330,657	4
2,500	\$ 220,029	\$ 55,519	\$ 275,547	4
2,000	\$ 176,023	\$ 44,415	\$ 220,438	3
1,500	\$ 132,017	\$ 33,311	\$ 165,329	2
1,000	\$ 88,012	\$ 22,207	\$ 110,219	1
500	\$ 44,006	\$ 11,104	\$ 55,110	1
250	\$ 22,003	\$ 5,552	\$ 27,555	0.36

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Minnesota, is a state similar in size to Missouri, has an expanded program compared to Missouri's current program. Their program has 2,500 participants and 6 FTEs.

Section 589.663 changes the definition of what type of crimes qualify for a participant to be in the Safe at Home program. This will expand the Safe at Home program so more individuals can utilize the services. In the short term, an increase in participation will be absorbed by the program's current budget. Below shows a table of long term growth. Should participation increase to these levels the Safe at Home program will possibly increase the number of FTEs required as well as operational expenses for postage and printing.

Potential Active Participant	Personal Services	Expenses and Equipment	Total Cost	FTE
3,500	\$ 308,040	\$ 77,726	\$ 385,766	5
3,000	\$ 264,035	\$ 66,622	\$ 330,657	4
2,500	\$ 220,029	\$ 55,519	\$ 275,547	4

SOS assumes if the active participants grow to reach 2,500 or more, the FTE will need to be increased to at least 4. It is anticipated over time as more individuals learn of the program participation will grow.

Short term projections based on data from OSCA and the Missouri Highway Patrol crime statistics shows that possible participation would increase between 8-14%

Safe at Home average cost per participant for PS (personal services) is \$88.01, average cost for E&E (expenses and equipment) is \$22.21

Safe at Home currently has 2.625 FTE, with expected increase in the first year being minimal to no increase in PS. FY2020 would increase by 0.375 FTE and FY2021 would maintain the FY2020 FTE of 3.0.

Estimated E&E cost for FY2019 with 208 projected additional participants is \$4,619.68

Estimated E&E cost for FY2020 with 250 projected additional participants is \$5,552.50

Estimated E&E cost for FY2021 with 285 projected additional participants is \$6,329.85

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** and **Office of State Courts Administrator** both assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - SOS</u>	\$0	(\$10,226)	(\$10,329)
Salaries			
Fringe Benefits	\$0	(\$6,597)	(\$8,462)
Equipment and Expense (postage and mailings)	<u>(\$4,620)</u>	<u>(\$5,553)</u>	<u>(\$6,330)</u>
<u>Total Cost - SOS</u>	<u>(\$4,620)</u>	<u>(\$22,376)</u>	<u>(\$25,121)</u>
FTE Change - SOS	0 FTE	.375 FTE	.375 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$4,620)</u>	<u>(\$22,376)</u>	<u>(\$25,121)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	0 FTE	.375 FTE	.375 FTE
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 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

This proposal makes changes to the Address Confidentiality Program, which authorizes the use of a designated address for victims of a crime. The proposal expands the program to victims of any crime who fear for their safety. The proposal also applies the program to other individuals living with the victim.

The proposal specifies that if a parent is participating in the program, a court order releasing information on a minor child in a custody case shall not release the parent's address. Additionally, if a parent wishes to relocate a child who is under his or her custody, a parent in the program may provide his or her information under seal to the court for in camera review.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposal specifies that an applicant may complete his or her own renewal in the program, and does not need to use an application assistant. A participant in the program may be removed if he or she moves outside of Missouri.

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 the Secretary of State
Department of Social Services
Office of State Courts Administrator

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