

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5549-01  
Bill No.: SB 815  
Subject: Civil Penalties; Corporations; Energy; Public Service Commission; Utilities  
Type: Original  
Date: March 14, 2018

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the civil penalty for violating federally mandated natural gas safety standards.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (Public Service Commission, Office of Public Counsel and Division of Energy)** the **Department of Transportation**, the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Attorney General’s Office (AGO)** assume any potential cost arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in cases.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal increases the penalty for any person who violates federally mandated natural gas safety standards. According to the Department of Economic Development, there are typically 1-2 incidents each year. Secured penalties from these cases are distributed annually to the schools in Missouri.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal will result in an increase in revenue and will reflect an unknown income to local school districts.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
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**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

<u>Revenue</u> Increased penalty for violating federally mandated natural gas safety standards	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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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 appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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 Economic Development  
Department of Transportation  
Attorney General's Office  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

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