

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5690-01
Bill No.: SB 923
Subject: Children and Minors; Courts; Domestic Relations; Family Law; Marriage and Divorce; Secretary of State; Victims of Crime
Type: Original
Date: January 31, 2018

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law 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.
This fiscal note contains 7 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 Fund	0	.375 FTE	.375 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0.375 FTE	0.375 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 **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume there may be some fiscal impact but there is no way to quantify that currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety-Office of the Director, Missouri Senate, Missouri House of Representatives, and Department of Social Services** each 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>			
Salaries	\$0	(\$10,226)	(\$10,329)
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

Currently, both parents have access to reports and records pertaining to a minor child unless a parent has been denied custody or visitation rights. Under this proposal, a court order that records and reports be made available under this provision of law shall exclude the address of the parent with custody if that parent is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program. Additionally, if a participant in the program wishes to relocate a child, he or she shall not be required to provide the location of the new intended residence, including the specific address and mailing address, to any party with custody or visitation rights. The program participant may, however, be required to submit such information to the court for in camera review.

This proposal modifies the definition of an "application assistant" in the Address Confidentiality Program to include volunteers of a government agency or nonprofit program and individuals who have experience providing services to victims of crime. Program participants shall include victims of certain crimes who fear for their safety, as well as the safety of individuals residing in the same household. The proposal modifies the required content of an application for the program to remove the requirement that an applicant give a sworn statement that he or she is a victim of certain crimes and fears further violent acts from his or her assailant. Instead, the application shall include a statement that the applicant is a victim of certain crimes and fears future harm, including harm as a result of other crimes. Additionally, renewal forms for participation in the program shall be signed by the applicant and shall not be required to be signed before an application assistant. Finally, any omission by the Secretary of State in administering the program shall not result in the disqualification or removal from the program of any applicant or participant.

This proposal permits the Secretary of State to cancel the certification of a program participant if the participant relocates outside of Missouri.

Finally, a program participant's application, supporting materials, communications with the program, and address, including mailing address, shall not be considered public records and may only be made available under specified conditions to specified individuals.

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
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Public Safety-Office of the Director
Missouri Senate
Missouri House of Representatives
Department of Social Services

Ross Strope

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strope", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Acting Director
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