

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6525-01
Bill No.: SB 1020
Subject: County Government; Health and Senior Services Department
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund and requires coroners to undergo yearly training administered by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners Association.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Revenue	(\$8,748)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$8,748)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Missouri Coroners' Training Fund	Greater than \$16,583	Greater than \$19,900	Greater than \$19,900
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	Greater than \$16,583	Greater than \$19,900	Greater than \$19,900

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
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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 at the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** assume the following:

Section 58.208-Division of Community and Public Health

The Bureau of Vital Records (BVR) issues on average 19,900 death certificates each year. Per 193.265, RSMo, the BVR already collects a thirteen dollar fee for each initial copy and a ten dollar fee for each additional death certificate ordered at the same time. The fees are divided and deposited into four different funds as directed in law (193.265). The proposed legislation requires the collection of an additional one dollar fee for each death certificate issued to be deposited into an additional fund, the Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund.

Collecting the additional dollar at time of issuance and performing accounting procedures to report and submit the fees daily to DHSS Fee Receipts Office would be absorbed within current operations. However, in order to have the additional dollar deposited to the credit of this new fund, an ITSD system change would need to occur. The estimated cost will be a one-time expense incurred in FY 2019. DHSS estimates 116.64 hours at \$75 per hour for a cost of \$8,748 in FY 19.

Oversight inquired the DHSS regarding this proposal. Section 58.208 uses the word "issued" which is within the normal procedures of DHSS. Issued death certificates are not done on every death and county health departments also issue death certificates. The number of death certificates provided by DHSS is what is done by DHSS and not by the counties. The extra \$1 fee for the training fund would also come from the counties when they issue a death certificate. Oversight is unclear on the number of death certificates that were issued by counties at this time and will reflect an amount greater than DHSS's death certificate number going into the MO Coroners' Training Fund.

Officials at the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the proposed legislation could potentially increase Total State Revenue (Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund) by an estimated \$57,000 each fiscal year. The DOR took the total amount of deaths reported (provided by MO Health and Senior Services website) for 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 and calculated the average. The legislation could create a dollar for each death certificate created.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight went to DHSS’s website to obtain the data for those years. They are as follows:

2016 - 59,824
 2015 - 59,810
 2014 - 58,141
 2013 - 57,256

Officials at the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** and the **Office of the State Treasurer** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Officials at **St. Louis County** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

In response to similar legislation from this year, HB 2079, officials at **Boone County** assumed no fiscal impact from this proposal.

This proposal could increase Total State Revenues.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs</u> - DHSS - modifications done by ITSD to existing mainframe programs to accommodate additional \$1 fee	<u>(\$8,748)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$8,748)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
MISSOURI CORONERS’ TRAINING FUND			
<u>Revenue</u> - DHSS - collection of \$1 fee on death certificates	Greater than <u>\$16,583</u>	Greater than <u>\$19,900</u>	Greater than <u>\$19,900</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE MISSOURI CORONERS’ TRAINING FUND	Greater than <u>\$16,583</u>	Greater than <u>\$19,900</u>	Greater than <u>\$19,900</u>

<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 act modifies provisions relating to county coroners.

CORONER COMPENSATION (Section 58.095)

Currently, a county coroner shall have \$1,000 withheld from their salary if they do not complete at least 20 hours of classroom instruction each year relating to the operations of the coroner's office when approved by a professional association of county coroners of Missouri. This act assigns the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association that role.

MISSOURI STATE CORONERS' TRAINING FUND (Section 58.208)

This act creates the Missouri State Coroner's Training Fund. For any death certificate issued, there shall be a fee of one dollar deposited into the fund which shall be used by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association for the purpose of training equipment and necessary supplies, and to provide aid to training programs approved by the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association.

During states of emergency or disasters local registrars may request reimbursement from the fund for copies of death certificates issued to individuals who are unable to afford the associated fees.

CORONER TRAINING (Section 193.145)

This act provides that if a coroner is not current with or is without the approved training required under this act, then the Department of Health and Senior Services may prohibit such coroner from attesting to the accuracy of a death certificate.

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 Health and Senior Services
Department of Revenue
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Office of the State Treasurer
St. Louis County
Boone County

Ross Strobe

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

Acting Director
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