

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4078-01  
Bill No.: SB 718  
Subject: Attorney General; Attorneys; Children and Minors; Children’s Division; Federal-State Relations; Health Care; Holidays and Observances; Medicaid/MO HealthNet; Military Affairs; Professional Registration and Licensing; Teachers  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to military families.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>  |                    |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED  | FY 2021            | FY 2022            | FY 2023            |
| General Revenue                                      | (\$158,388)        | (\$171,334)        | (\$173,276)        |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b> | <b>(\$158,388)</b> | <b>(\$171,334)</b> | <b>(\$173,276)</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>       |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED  | FY 2021    | FY 2022    | FY 2023    |
|  |            |            |            |
|  |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
 This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2021</b> | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</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 2021</b> | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> |
| General Revenue   | 2 FTE          | 2 FTE          | 2 FTE          |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>                  | <b>2 FTE</b>   | <b>2 FTE</b>   | <b>2 FTE</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 2021</b> | <b>FY 2022</b> | <b>FY 2023</b> |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Attorney General’s Office (AGO)** assume that if §27.115 becomes law, the AGO will be mandated to create and oversee a program not currently required by state law. As a result, the AGO would require one (1) Assistant Attorney General (AAG) I at an annual salary of \$45,500 and one (1) Paralegal at an annual salary of \$42,000 along with necessary office equipment to administer the program.

Additionally, the legislation requires the AGO to market and publicize the program which the AGO assumes will create substantial costs for travel, lodging, and materials. Therefore, in addition to two (2) FTE, the AGO assumes additional costs in this area.

**Oversight** does not have any information contrary to that provided by AGO. Therefore, Oversight will reflect AGO’s impact for fiscal note purposes.

**Oversight** notes the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Public Safety - (Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri National Guard, and the Veterans’ Commission)**, the **Department of Social Services**, and the **Office of Administration** have each stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their respective organizations. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>   | FY 2021<br>(10 Mo.)       | FY 2022                   | FY 2023                   |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>   |                           |                           |                           |
| <u>Costs - AGO (§27.115) To administer program for members of the military and their families</u> |                           |                           |                           |
| Personal Service  | (\$72,917)                | (\$88,375)                | (\$89,259)                |
| Fringe Benefit  | (\$43,416)                | (\$52,389)                | (\$52,683)                |
| Equipment and Expense   | (\$29,555)                | (\$15,195)                | (\$15,575)                |
| Travel  | <u>(\$12,500)</u>         | <u>(\$15,375)</u>         | <u>(\$15,759)</u>         |
| <b>Total Costs - AGO</b>  | <b><u>(\$158,388)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$171,334)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$173,276)</u></b> |
| FTE Change - AGO  | 2 FTE                     | 2 FTE                     | 2 FTE                     |
| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>   | <b><u>(\$158,388)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$171,334)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$173,276)</u></b> |
| Estimated Net FTE Change for the General Revenue Fund   | 2 FTE                     | 2 FTE                     | 2 FTE                     |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2021<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2022    | FY 2023    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <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 provision relating to military families, including state designations, programs implemented by the Attorney General, teacher licensing, developmental disability services, and child protection.

MILITARY FAMILY MONTH (Section 9.297)

This act designates November as "Military Family Month" in Missouri to recognize the daily sacrifices of military families.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MILITARY PROGRAM (Section 27.115)

This act requires the Attorney General to design, implement, and oversee a program to assist members of the military and their families in finding and retaining legal counsel. The program shall be marketed to attorneys in addition to military families and shall publicize pro bono legal services available to military families. The Attorney General shall collaborate with the Missouri Bar in the administration of the program.

TEACHER LICENSING FOR MILITARY SPOUSES (Section 168.021)

This act provides that a provisional certificate issued to any qualified military spouse who is hired to teach in a Missouri public school is valid for three years. Additionally, no later than 30 days after confirmation of completion of the required background check, the State Board of Education shall issue a full certificate of license to a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who is stationed in Missouri if all necessary fees are paid and all other requirements are met.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (Section 208.151)

This act provides that Missouri members of the Armed Forces and their immediate family shall have their eligibility for MO HealthNet developmental disability services temporarily suspended for any period of time during which such person temporarily resides outside of Missouri for reasons relating to military service. Upon returning to the state, the eligibility shall be immediately restored. If the military member or an immediate family member is not a legal resident of this state, but would otherwise be eligible for developmental disability services, the individual shall be eligible for such services during the time in which the individual is temporarily present in Missouri for reasons relating to military service.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

**CHILD PROTECTION FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (Sections 210.109 and 210.150)**

This act requires the Children's Division to attempt to ascertain whether the suspected perpetrator or any person responsible for the care, custody, and control of a child is a member of the Armed Forces after receiving a report on alleged abuse or neglect of a child.

This act allows appropriate staff of the United States Department of Defense to receive access to investigation records contained in the central registry of the Children's Division and records maintained by the Children's Division following a report of child abuse and neglect in cases where the suspected perpetrator or any person responsible for the care, custody, and control of the subject child is a member of the Armed Forces.

Additionally, this act requires the Division to report findings in cases where the person responsible for the care, custody, and control of a child is a member of the Armed Forces to the most relevant family advocacy program or other relevant person authorized by the United States Department of Defense to receive reports.

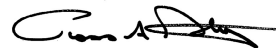
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Public Safety  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Administration



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