

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4078-03
Bill No.: SCS for SB 718
Subject: Attorney General; Attorneys; Children and Minors; Children’s Division;
 Disabilities; Elderly; Federal-State Relations; Department of Health and Senior
 Services; Health Care; Holidays and Observances; Medicaid/MO HealthNet;
 Military Affairs; Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities; Professional
 Registration and Licensing; Suicide; Teachers; Veterans
Type: Original
Date: February 14, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to military families.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
General Revenue	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§27.115 - Attorney General Military Program

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.

Bill as a Whole

Oversight notes the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, 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 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs</u> - AGO (§27.115) To administer program for members of the military and their families			
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	(\$12,500)	(\$15,375)	(\$15,759)
<u>Total Costs</u> - AGO	<u>(\$158,388)</u>	<u>(\$171,334)</u>	<u>(\$173,276)</u>
FTE Change - AGO	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$158,388)</u>	<u>(\$171,334)</u>	<u>(\$173,276)</u>

Estimated Net FTE Change for the General Revenue Fund	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (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 affairs, including state designations, programs implemented by the Attorney General, teacher licensing, veterans' homes, 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.

This provision is identical to HB 1328 (2020).

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

BUDDY CHECK 22 DAY (Section 9.300)

This act designates the 22nd day of each month as "Buddy Check 22 Day" to encourage citizens check in on veterans and to raise awareness of the problem of suicide facing military personnel.

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.

This provision is substantially similar to a provision in HB 1316 (2020).

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.

This provision is substantially similar to a provision in HB 1316 (2020).

STATE OMBUDSMAN & VETERANS' HOMES (Section 192.2305)

This act authorizes the Office of State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Residents to receive, respond to, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents of Missouri veterans' homes relating to the action, inaction, or decisions of providers or agencies affecting resident health, safety, welfare, or rights. The State Ombudsman or representatives of the Office, in addition to all current authority granted by state statute, shall have the authority to enter any veterans' home and have access to residents in a reasonable time and manner and have access to resident records with the permission of the resident or the resident's guardian. Additionally, the Office shall analyze and monitor the development and implementation of federal, state, and local law and regulations regarding Missouri veterans' homes.

This provision is identical to SB 846 (2020).

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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.

This provision is substantially similar to a provision in HB 1316 (2020).

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 Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Public Safety
Department of Social Services
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