

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3637S.01I
Bill No.: SB 923
Subject: Attorney General; Consumer Protection; Crimes and Punishment; Internet and E-Mail; Liability
Type: Original
Date: March 6, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal requires internet service providers to authenticate access to obscene websites and provide subscribers the ability to create an authentication to access such websites.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Attorney General’s Office (AGO)** assume that any additional litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing personnel and resources, however, the AGO may seek additional appropriations if there is a significant increase in litigation.

Oversight notes the AGO’s response has changed from their response regarding similar legislation in prior years. In response to SB 336, the AGO assumed the need for 5 additional FTE (two FTE Assistant Attorneys General I and three FTE Consumer Service Operators). However, upon inquiry, the AGO verified that they believe the additional duties could be absorbed with current resources.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol**, the **Office of the State Public Defender** and **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** assume no measurable fiscal impact to MOPS. The enactment of a new crime [407.1600.10] creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors and the circuit attorney which may in turn result in additional costs which are difficult to determine.

Oversight notes that the above mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<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.

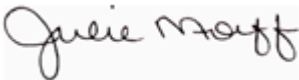
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

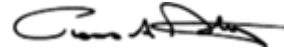
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of the State Public Defender
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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