

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4479S.01I
Bill No.: SB 958
Subject: Buses; Education, Elementary and Secondary; Licenses - Motor Vehicle; Motor Vehicles; Transportation
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to transportation of school children.

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 **Department of Revenue (DOR)** state section 302.010.21 changes the definition of school bus to mean any vehicle designed for carrying more than ten passengers used to transport students for educational purposes.

Section 304.060.1 gives school districts the authority to use vehicles other than school buses for the purpose of transporting school children. The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations governing the use of other vehicles used to transport school children, except vehicles operating under sections §387.400 to §387.440. The draft language further removes the requirement for drivers of such vehicles to meet the provisions of §302.272, thus removing the requirement to meet school bus endorsement testing, issuance, driver history and background check requirements. It also requires vehicles other than school buses to transport no more children than the manufacturer suggests appropriate, and meet any additional requirements of the school district.

The proposed change to remove the requirements of §302.272, may have an impact on the safety of students being transported in vehicles other than a commercial class school bus. Under current requirements drivers applying for a non-commercial Class E with a school bus endorsement are required to complete additional driver history and background checks and regular drug testing. This also includes the current mandatory annual skills provisions to ensure driving proficiency for those school bus endorsed drivers age 70 and over. School districts are required to report failed drug tests to the Department for suspension of school bus endorsements. Drivers without school bus endorsements may not be held to the same requirements.

Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed legislation, the DOR will be required to:

- Work with Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) to update the Missouri Driver Guide to include the new information (online and printed versions).

FY23-Driver License Bureau

Research/Data Analyst 15 hrs. @ \$24.29 per hr. =\$364

Administrative Manager 10 hrs. @ \$26.37 per hr. =\$264

Total \$628

FY23-Personnel Services Bureau

Associate Research/Data Analyst 15 hrs. @ \$19.46 per hr. =\$292

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Total \$584

Total Costs =\$1,212

The DOR anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY23 budget is final, the Department cannot identify specific funding sources. If multiple bills pass that require Department resources, FTE/funding will be requested through the appropriations process.

The proposed legislation would require updates to the Missouri Driver Guide that could be absorbed. Decisions made during implementation could result in a requirement for destruction and replacement of current driver guide supplies and printing costs outside of normal reordering.

The printing costs of the driver guide are currently covered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP).

Oversight assumes these costs are minimal and can be absorbed by the DOR and MSHP.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** and **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** each assume the proposal will have no 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.

Oversight does not anticipate an impact to school districts. However, Oversight did not receive any responses from school districts related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, school districts were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<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.

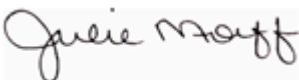
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol



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