COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0872S.04T

Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed CCS for HCS for SS for SB 111

Subject: Office of Administration; State Employees

Type: Original Date: June 5, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the administration of state

employees.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
General Revenue	\$8,567 or			
Fund*	(\$135,073)	\$8,567	\$8,567	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on General	\$8,567 or			
Revenue	(\$135,073)	\$8,567	\$8,567	

^{*}This amount reflects programming to include the change into the current SAM II accounting system. ITSD notes that there is a current effort underway to replace the SAM II system, with two week payrolls likely to be included in the new system. If the proposed changes can be delayed until the replacement system is implemented, there would be no fiscal impact for this fiscal note. Oversight notes this change from semimonthly installments to biweekly installments is "as designated by the Commissioner of Administration." Therefore, Oversight has ranged the fiscal impact from \$0 (such designation change is not implemented within the current SAM II system) to the estimated ITSD costs to make the change immediately.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
Total Estimated Net					
Effect on Other State					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

^{*} Oversight assumes the actual fiscal impact is based on decisions made during the budgeting process. Oversight assumes if these decisions are made, the impact to the state could exceed the \$250,000 threshold.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS					
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026		
Total Estimated Net					
Effect on All Federal					
Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
Total Estimated Net				
Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) a	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 2024 FY 2025 FY 202						
Local Government \$0 \$0 \$0						

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 33.100 – Bi-Weekly Pay Periods

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Information Technology Services Division** (**ITSD**) assume the proposed legislation would require state employees to be paid every 14 days. Currently, employees are paid on the 15th of the month and the last day of the month, with adjustment for weekend and holidays. The change would require modifications to SAM II. This effort would be a major undertaking in the SAM II system requiring changes to many projects and systems. ITSD would likely see impacts to data and reports along with other errors occuring after implementation until all the changes mature because of the complex program interaction and ability to test all possible scenarios that could occur.

ITSD estimates a cost of \$143,640 to the General Revenue Fund in FY 2024. The estimate assumes work for project management coding and testing the changes. The business staff would need to be heavily involved in the analysis and requirements-gathering as well as the testing. ITSD has not accounted for Business staff hours in this estimate.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** state salaries of all elective and appointive officers and employees of the state shall be paid out of the state treasury, in semimonthly or monthly installments or once every two weeks as designated by the commissioner of administration. Bi-weekly pay periods would be difficult to implement currently in SAM II-HR due to the programming of the payroll system. However, implementing a bi-weekly pay schedule in the future ERP is more feasible – MOVERS is expected to be in place in 2024-2025. If the bill was to pass with "bi-weekly" as an added possibility for frequency for State employees to be paid there would not be a cost in terms of actual payroll. The salaries would be calculated by dividing by 26 pay periods versus 24 pay periods.

Oversight notes ITSD assumes that every new IT project/system will be bid out because all their resources are at full capacity. For this bill, ITSD assumes they will contract out project management coding and testing the changes needed for SAM II. ITSD estimated the project would take 1,512 hours at a contract rate of \$95 for a total cost of \$143,640. Oversight notes that an average salary for a current IT Specialist within ITSD is approximately \$54,641, which totals roughly \$85,000 per year when fringe benefits are added. Assuming that all ITSD resources are at full capacity, Oversight assumes ITSD may (instead of contracting out the programming) hire an additional IT Specialist to perform the work required from this bill; however, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect the ITSD estimated cost of \$143,640 in FY 2024. However, as the bill states, the choice between biweekly, semimonthly, or monthly installments is "as designated by the Commissioner of Administration." Therefore, Oversight will range the cost from \$0 (OA Commissioner decides not to shift to biweekly pay installments), or a cost to include upgrading the current SAM II system.

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ITSD notes that there is a current effort underway to replace the SAM II system, with two week payrolls likely to be included in the new system. If the proposed changes can be delayed until the replacement system is implemented, (estimated to be 1-2 years) there would be no fiscal impact for this fiscal note.

Officials from the MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) state if this legislation is enacted, it would provide for the option for state employers to pay employees biweekly, in addition to semimonthly or monthly, as the statute already allows. There would be a significant technology programming cost to this potential change (approximately \$100,000). In addition to the actual cost paid to the vendor, there will be a staff overtime attributed to the testing of the programming changes (approximately \$150,000). This change affects almost every aspect of the pension administration system.

MPERS notes The MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System administers retirement benefits for eligible employees of MoDOT and the Missouri Highway Patrol (includes almost 7,000 active employees).

While members are actively employed, MPERS receives payroll data and employer contributions associated with that payroll from the employers through SAMII. The contributions are calculated and paid based on semimonthly pay periods. Currently, their pension administration system is set up to receive payroll and contributions semimonthly.

In the event the legislation is passed and the state elects biweekly pay, it will impact these process. In addition and perhaps more importantly, it will impact how they calculate final average pay for retirement calculations. Final average pay is a key component to the formula necessary to determining an employee's retirement benefit. Pursuant to the law, the final average pay is based on a person's highest consecutive 36 months of pay. Today, they have "clean" pay periods (1-15, 16-30/31). If this changes, they will no longer have clean pay periods where the pay periods begin or end on the first or last day of the month, respectively, the pay periods will overlap months. Their statutory benefits are calculated based on full months of pay and service. This legislative change will touch almost every aspect of the calculations in the system.

Outside of the costs, MPERS anticipates needing approximately one year to complete the programming changes and subsequent testing. MPERS expects that this would stall any other programming needs (except for emergency changes) they would have otherwise planned during this time.

Oversight assumes MPERS is operated as an independent trust fund by a Board of Directors. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for MPERS.

Subsection 36.050.5 – Personnel Advisory Board

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** state this section specifies each public member of the board shall be paid an amount for each day devoted to the work of the board. The total expenditures for the two public members appointed to the Personnel Advisory Board were

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payments of \$5,040, \$5,308, and \$3,455 in FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022, respectively. The FY2023 per diem for a public member of the board members is \$356.97. If there were twelve meetings held, \$4,283.64 would be paid out to each of the two public board members – a total of \$8,567 projected annual savings.

Additionally, while this proposal does not eliminate any FTE, this legislation would obviate the need for numerous team members to spend hours preparing for and attending monthly Personnel Advisory Board meetings saving additional state resources.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an annual cost avoidance to the General Revenue Fund of \$8,567.

Bill as a whole:

Officials from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Safety (Office of the Director, Alcohol & Tobacco Control, Fire Safety, Gaming Commission, Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri National Guard, State Emergency Management Agency), the Department of Social Services, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement, the Missouri Lottery Commission, the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, the Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Ethics Commission, the Missouri House of Representatives, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Prosecution Services, the Office of Administration (Administrative Hearing Commission), the Office of the State Courts Administrator, the Missouri Senate, Oversight Division, and the State Tax Commission each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations for this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Office of the Governor** and the **Office of the State Public Defender** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

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 for these agencies.

Officials from the Office of Administration - Budget and Planning, the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety - Missouri Veterans Commission defer to the Office of Administration for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

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Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE			
Cost Avoidance – OA (p. 5)			
Elimination of the Personnel			
Advisory Board §36.050.5	\$8,567	\$8,567	\$8,567
<u>Cost</u> - OA – ITSD §33.100 (p. 3)	<u>\$0 or</u>		
Coding and Testing Changes	(\$143,640)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO			
THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$8,567 or</u>		
	<u>(\$135,073)</u>	<u>\$8,567</u>	<u>\$8,567</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	(10 Mo.)		
	\$0	<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.

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows the salaries of state employees to be paid in biweekly installments, as designated by the Commission of the Office of Administration.

This act eliminates the Personnel Advisory Board and gives all duties and responsibilities previously held by the board to the Director of the Personnel Division and the Commissioner of Administration. The act additionally makes the position of Director of the Personnel Division appointed by the Commissioner of Administration.

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 Commerce and Insurance

Department of Economic Development

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

Department of Health and Senior Services

Department of Mental Health

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Corrections

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Department of Revenue

Department of Public Safety

Office of the Director

Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

Fire Safety

Missouri Gaming Commission

Missouri Highway Patrol

Missouri National Guard

State Emergency Management Agency

Missouri Veterans Commission

Department of Social Services

Office of the Governor

Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

Missouri Lottery Commission

Oversight Division

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Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan

Missouri Department of Agriculture

Missouri Ethics Commission

Missouri House of Representatives

Missouri Department of Transportation

MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System

Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

Office of Administration

Administrative Hearing Commission

Budget and Planning

Office of the State Courts Administrator

Office of the State Auditor

Missouri Senate

Office of the Secretary of State

Office of the State Public Defender

Office of the State Treasurer

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