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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2058S.04I
Bill No.: SB 669
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Emergencies; Fire Protection; Health Care Professionals;
Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Medical Procedures and Personnel
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal creates the offense of interference with a first responder.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Various State Funds*	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000

*The court costs for a Class A Misdemeanor offense go to various state and local funds.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government*	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000

*The fine revenue for a Class A Misdemeanor offense goes to local school districts and court costs go to various state and local funds.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§574.207 – Offense of interference with a first responder

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assume any potential litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. The AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in litigation or investigation costs.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

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

Oversight has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for MOPS.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol**, the **Office of the State Public Defender**, the **Phelps County Sheriff**, the **Branson Police Department**, the **Kansas City Police Department** and the **St. Louis County Police Department** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** 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 notes the provisions of §574.207.2 provide that a person who interferes with a first responder is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Class A misdemeanors carry a penalty of \$2,000 for each offense in addition to any individual county/municipal fees and court costs. The fine revenue for the offense goes to local school funds and court costs go to various state and local funds. Oversight assumes there will be some (less than \$250,000) amount of fine revenue from violations of the statute. Therefore, the impact to various state funds and local governments will be presented as less than \$250,000. For simplicity, Oversight will not reflect the possibility that fine revenue paid to school districts may act as a subtraction in the foundation formula.

Below are examples of some of the state and local funds which court costs are distributed:

Fee/Fund Name	Fee Amount
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	\$8.00
Clerk Fee	\$15.00 (\$12 State/\$3 County)
County Fee	\$25.00
State Court Automation Fund	\$7.00
Crime Victims' Compensation Fund	\$7.50
DNA Profiling Analysis Fund	\$15.00
Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Fund	\$1.00
Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund	\$1.00
Brain Injury Fund	\$2.00
Independent Living Center Fund	\$1.00
Sheriff's Fee	\$10.00 (County)
Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Attorney Training Fund	\$4.00
Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	\$1.00 (\$0.50 State/\$0.50 County)
Spinal Cord Injury Fund	\$2.00

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local law enforcement agencies, fire protection districts and ambulance and EMS services 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 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
VARIOUS STATE FUNDS			
<u>Revenue</u> – (§574.207) Court costs p. 3-4	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON VARIOUS STATE FUNDS	<u>Less than \$250,000</u>	<u>Less than \$250,000</u>	<u>Less than \$250,000</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Revenue</u> – (§574.207) Court costs p. 3-4	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000	Less than \$250,000
<u>Revenue</u> – Schools (§574.207) Fine revenue p. 3-4	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>\$250,000</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 creates the offense of interference with a first responder, which shall be a class A misdemeanor. A person commits the offense when a person has received a verbal warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty and the person knowingly and willfully violates the verbal warning and approaches within 25 feet with the intent to:

- (1) Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his or her legal duty;
- (2) Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
- (3) Engage in conduct directed at a first responder that intentionally causes emotional distress and serves no legitimate purpose. (§574.207)

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 Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
 Office of the State Public Defender
 Phelps County Sheriff
 Branson Police Department


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