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OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2956S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 729
 Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Department of Economic Development; Department of Public Safety; State Departments
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires state departments to report on obsolete administrative entities, repeals certain administrative entities and repeals and reassigns duties for certain other administrative entities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue Fund	(Could be less than \$499,553)	(Could be less than \$664,691)	(Could be less than \$574,721)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Could be less than \$499,553)	(Could be less than \$664,691)	(Could be less than \$574,721)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Other State Funds	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown

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
General Revenue (DPS/DED)	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE

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	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** assume the following:

Section 173.240.7 - eliminates the statutory creation of the Minority Environmental Literacy Advisory Committee. Section 173.240.8 also eliminates statutory authority for the members of committee to be reimbursed for certain expenses, which could result in cost savings. B&P defers to DHEWD for any fiscal estimates.

Section 196.1109 - provides statutory authority for appropriated funds from the life sciences research trust fund to be appropriated to DED, rather than the life sciences research board. B&P defers to DED on if this change will result in any specific fiscal impacts.

Section 196.1115 - provides statutory authority for appropriated funds from the life sciences research trust fund to be appropriated to DED, rather than the life sciences research board. B&P defers to DED on if this change will result in any specific fiscal impacts.

Section 196.1127 - provides statutory authority for appropriated funds from the life sciences research trust fund to be appropriated to DED, rather than the life sciences research board. B&P defers to DED on if this change will result in any specific fiscal impacts.

Elimination of Section 208.533 - removes statutory authority for the Commission on the Special Health, Psychological and Social Needs of Minority Older Individuals under DHSS. In doing so, the statutory authority for reimbursements to commission members is also removed, which may result in cost savings to the State. B&P defers to DHSS for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Elimination of Section 208.856 - removes statutory authority for the Missouri Quality Home Care Council and council members ability to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Eliminating statutory authority for reimbursements to council members may present cost savings to the State. B&P defers to DHSS for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Elimination of Section 209.287 - removes statutory authority for the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board of Certification of Interpreters and board members' ability to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Eliminating statutory authority for reimbursements to board members may present cost savings to the State. B&P defers to DESE for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Section 209.292.2 - eliminates a Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board of Certification of Interpreters provision requiring reimbursement of evaluators for actual and necessary expenses incurred. Elimination of such statutory provision may result in cost savings to the State. B&P defers to DESE on any potential fiscal impact.

Section 209.318.1 - renames the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board of Certification of Interpreters fund and states these funds, subject to appropriation, shall only be disbursed for payment of expenses of maintaining "the commission" rather than "the board". B&P defers to DESE on any potential fiscal impact.

Elimination of Section 210.102 - removes statutory authority for the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood and the boards ability to charge fees, withdraw funds from a dedicated fund, and process reimbursements to board members for certain expenses. Elimination of these provisions may result in cost savings to the State. B&P defers to DESE for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Section 261.235.3 - removes the statutory authority for the AgriMissouri Advisory Commission for Marketing Missouri Agricultural Products to establish a fee structure for sellers electing to use the AgriMissouri trademark associated with Missouri agricultural products. Elimination of these fees may decrease TSR. B&P defers to MDA for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Section 261.235.5 - removes the statutory authority for AgriMissouri Advisory Commission for Marking Missouri Agricultural Products to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their official duties on the commission. Elimination of such provision may decrease State costs. B&P defers to MDA for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Section 643.173.2 - removes the statutory authority for a Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee and the ability for such committee members to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties while at committee meeting. Elimination of such provisions may decrease State costs. B&P defers to DNR for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Elimination of Section 650.125 - removes the statutory authority for the Missouri Cybersecurity Commission and the ability for such commission members to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Elimination of such provisions may decrease State costs. B&P defers to DPS for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Elimination of Section 650.210 - removes the statutory authority for the Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules and the ability for such board members to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Elimination of such provisions may decrease State costs. B&P defers to DPS for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Sections 650.275 and 650.277 in this legislation remove statutory authority for the Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules to set certain fees authorized in section 650.200 - 650.290 and instead vests that authority in the Department of Public Safety. B&P defers to DPS for any specific fiscal impact estimates.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Natural Resources**, the **Department of Health and Senior Service** and the **Missouri Department of Agriculture** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight requested additional information from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** but did not receive a response by the time this fiscal note was published.

Although the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency, **Oversight** assumes this proposal, as noted by Office of Administration - Budget and Planning, could have some cost savings; Therefore, Oversight will reflect a \$0 to Unknown savings to the General Revenue Fund and Other State Funds as a result of the implementation of the above noted sections. Without additional information, Oversight assumes the savings will not exceed \$250,000.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development (DED)** assume Section 105.1650 requires DED (and all state departments) to annually compile a report for the general assembly administrative entities that have not convened a public meeting or conducted public business for the most recent 3-year period. DED anticipates the department will not need additional FTE for this section of the proposal.

Section 196.1106 requires DED to monitor the operation of the centers for excellence for life sciences research for quality and accountability. This includes 4 centers: 1 in St. Louis, 1 in Kansas City, 1 in Springfield, and 1 statewide. All centers must be approved by DED. DED assumes funding is fully subject to appropriation; no dollar amounts are allocated in this legislation. DED recommends 2.0 FTE to administer the program.

Oversight assumes Section 196.1106 removes the statutory authority for the Life Sciences Research Board to monitor the operation of the centers for excellence for life science research and instead vest that authority in the Department of Economic Development. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated cost as provided by DED to the General Revenue Fund.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Directors Office (DPS)** state given that DPS will now assume the responsibilities of the Boiler Pressure Vessel Board, which include: forming and promulgating rules, reviewing applications for and granting installation and operating permit for a pressure vessel of special design or construction, commission special inspectors, conduct examinations as required by section 650.250, hear examination appeals per section 650.250, suspend commissioned inspections and hear appeals of such actions per section 650.255, make revocation decisions and hear appeals, issue certificates per section 650.260, conduct reviews of appeals per section 650.285 - DPS will require at least two FTEs. One FTE would be an attorney to assume the additional legal work needed to be completed and another FTE to assist with the additional administrative work and duties transferred to DPS.

Oversight assumes Sections 650.275 and 650.277 remove the statutory authority for the Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules to set certain fees authorized in section 650.200 - 650.290 and instead vests that authority in the Department of Public Safety. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated cost as provided by DPS to the General Revenue Fund.

Oversight notes, according to the Department of Public Safety - Directors Office, the current responsibilities of the Boiler Pressure Vessel Board lie within the Department of Public Safety – Fire Safety Division. Oversight assumes the Division of Fire Safety would have a savings as a result of this proposal. Since it is unknown which fund the Division of Fire Safety uses for these responsibilities, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect a \$0 to Unknown Savings to Other State Funds

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume section 105.1650 of the legislation requires state departments with oversight of an administrative entity to provide an annual report of all such administrative entities that have not convened a public meeting or conducted public business for the most recent three-year period. As “administrative entity” is not defined in this section, it is unknown how this will impact DOC.

Oversight assumes DOC is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of activity each year. Oversight assumes DOC could absorb the costs related to this section of the proposal.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** state this proposal would not have a significant impact on the university.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Department of Mental Health, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety (Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Capitol Police, Fire Safety, Missouri Gaming Commission, Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri Veterans Commission, State Emergency Management Agency), Department of Social Services, Office of the Governor, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri National Guard, MoDOT & Patrol Employees’ Retirement System, Office of Administration, Office of the State Public Defender, Office of the State Treasurer, Office of the State Auditor, Missouri House of Representatives, Legislative Research, Oversight Division, Missouri Senate, Missouri Lottery Commission, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, Missouri State Employee's Retirement System** and the **State Tax Commission** 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.

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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Savings – B&P</u> Elimination of certain statutory authorities and sections p.3-5	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown	\$0 to Unknown
<u>Cost - DED</u>			
Personal Service	(\$139,640)	(\$170,919)	(\$174,338)
Fringe Benefits	(\$82,288)	(\$100,088)	(\$101,459)
Equipment and Expense	(\$36,958)	(\$8,985)	(\$9,163)
<u>Total Cost - DED</u>	(\$258,886)	(\$279,992)	(\$284,960)
FTE Change - DED	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
<u>Cost - DPS</u>			
Personal Service	(\$147,625)	(\$180,693)	(\$184,307)
Fringe Benefits	(\$85,488)	(\$104,006)	(\$105,454)
Equipment and Expense	(\$7,554)	\$0	\$0
<u>Total Cost - DPS</u>	(\$240,667)	(\$384,699)	(\$289,761)
FTE Change - DPS	2 FTE	2 FTE	2 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(Could be less than \$499,553)</u>	<u>(Could be less than \$664,691)</u>	<u>(Could be less than \$574,721)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change to the General Revenue Fund	4 FTE	4 FTE	4 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
OTHER STATE FUNDS			
<u>Savings – B&P p.3-5</u> Elimination of certain statutory authorities and sections	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO OTHER STATE FUNDS	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 to Unknown</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<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 requires each state department with oversight of an administrative entity to submit an annual report to the General Assembly detailing any administrative entity that has not convened a public meeting or conducted public business during the three year period ending on August 28th of such year.

The act further repeals and reassigns duties for a number of administrative entities. The Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules is repealed and its duties assigned to the Department of Public Safety. The Board for Certification of Interpreters repealed and its duties assigned to the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Life Sciences Research Board is repealed and its duties assigned the Department of Economic Development. The act repeals the Missouri Quality Home Care Council is repealed as well as all duties of the Council.

The act repeals the following entities: the AgriMissouri Advisory Commission for Marketing Missouri Agricultural Products; the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood; the Minority Environmental Literacy Advisory Committee; the Missouri Cybersecurity Commission; the Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee; and the Commission on the Special Health, Psychological and Social Needs of Minority Older Individuals.

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
 Capitol Police
 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
Legislative Research
Oversight Division
Local Government Employees Retirement System
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Conservation
Missouri Ethics Commission
Missouri House of Representatives
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri State Employee's Retirement System
MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

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