

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3858S.01I  
 Bill No.: SB 1135  
 Subject: Children and Minors; Courts; Family Law; Drunk Driving/Boating; Victims of Crime  
 Type: Original  
 Date: February 20, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal creates "Bentley's Law" relating to child maintenance orders for certain persons convicted of the offense of driving while intoxicated.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §454.1050 - "Bentley's Law" – Adds Child Maintenance Provisions for Certain Children

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state SB 1135 would have an impact in Show-Me Courts and possibly other systems. It is estimated the fiscal impact would be \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to develop a new Child Support module.

**Oversight** has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present the fiscal impact of this proposal as provided by OSCA.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Corrections, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Office of the State Public Defender, University of Missouri System, Northwest Missouri State University,** and the **University of Central Missouri** 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.

In response to similar legislation, SB 235 (2025), officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, county circuit clerks and other colleges and universities were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. 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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost – OSCA (\$454.1050) New child support module p.3</u>	(\$500,000 to <u>\$1,000,000</u> )	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$500,000 to <u>\$1,000,000</u>)</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act establishes "Bentley's Law". Under this act, if a person is convicted of the offense of driving while intoxicated, such offense caused the death of a parent or guardian, and a surviving parent or guardian files a petition to receive child maintenance from the convicted person, such person shall pay, pursuant to a court order, child maintenance to the child of the deceased parent or guardian in an amount and duration as specified in the act.

If the person ordered to pay child maintenance is unable to make maintenance because such person is imprisoned or otherwise confined, then the person shall have up to one year after release from incarceration to begin payment, including any arrearage.

If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action and obtains a judgment against the convicted person prior to any child maintenance order under this section, no maintenance shall be ordered. If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action after maintenance is ordered, the maintenance order shall offset the judgement.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol  
Department of Social Services  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services  
University of Missouri System  
Northwest Missouri State University  
University of Central Missouri



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