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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5396S.01I
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Subject: Office of Administration
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Hope Missouri" Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	Could exceed (\$552,587)	Could exceed (\$625,173)	Could exceed (\$636,043)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	Could exceed (\$552,587)	Could exceed (\$625,173)	Could exceed (\$636,043)

*Participating departments/agencies' job duties and responsibilities may require additional funding to implement the requirements of this proposal.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Various State Funds*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

*Participating departments/agencies' job duties and responsibilities may require additional funding to implement the requirements of this proposal.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§37.840 - "Hope Missouri" Act

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** assume this proposal creates a new OA "Hope Missouri Office" with the Commissioner of OA as the director. The bill states that this new office will assist individuals by using "participating state agencies to serve families to achieve self-sufficiency, maximizing community integration, and building a prosperous future. Barriers to self-sufficiency may include the inability to:

- a. Obtain stable employment;
- b. Increase wages;
- c. Obtain the necessary skills for greater independence, education, or training;
- d. Meet basic needs; and
- e. Find stable housing;"

The office may refer participants requiring assistance with employment or vocational training to appropriate entities to prepare, train, and place the participants in meaningful employment. The office is also to develop a "care plan" which sets out actionable steps and corresponding timelines "developed and customized to assist the participants in achieving their immediate, intermediate, and long-term goals. The care plan shall also address barriers by directly connecting participants to community resources and opportunities." the bill states that "State agencies shall participate in hope Missouri at the direction of the commissioner of administration" and that in order "to use government resources more effectively and efficiently, participating state agencies shall use existing resources and personnel, to the extent possible, to operate hope Missouri."

It is unknown how many individuals will seek assistance and resources through this new office, or how many total staff statewide will be needed by OA or other state agencies to comply with this legislation. The legislation creates the positions of "hope navigators" which shall serve as resources embedded within communities, but it is not clear how many communities would require a hope navigator or if OA would be responsible for hiring and managing all of these positions. OA will be responsible for finding space for any new staff that are needed to implement this effort as well as for building a website and application to support the Hope Missouri Office.

OA-ITSD estimates the website and application support to cost approximately \$28,690 in FY 2027. The office will determine eligibility, set the scope of a care plan, and take actions to connect individuals with assistance. Each of those actions potentially creates obligations as well as potential liability relating to those actions. Any potential legal costs which may be incurred as

a result of new liability associated with complying with this new legislation are currently unknown.

Further, it will require OA to identify and coordinate all available programs, both on the state and local level, in addition to administering the hope partner network. OA estimates that a minimum of 5 new staff would be needed to coordinate and manage this program. Depending on the number of individuals seeking assistance, and the number of communities that require a dedicated position, the total number of positions needed could be much greater.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated cost as “could exceed” the cost provided by OA to General Revenue in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume section 37.840 creates the “Hope Missouri” office, who will establish a plan and network to provide help to individuals needing to obtain stable employment, meet basic needs, and find stable housing, among other goals. The legislation stipulates that this office will use participating state agencies to serve the individuals in need, and that these agencies shall use existing resources and personnel.

It is unknown whether the Department of Corrections would be identified as a participating agency, and if so, what duties the department would be responsible for. Therefore, the operational and fiscal impact of this legislation is unknown.

Oversight notes subsection 4(b) encourages all participating state departments and agencies to use existing resources, to the extent possible, to operate Hope Missouri. Oversight assumes all state departments and agencies are required to participate in Hope Missouri. Since it is unknown how many individuals will seek assistance and resources and in addition, job duties and responsibilities of state departments and agencies are unknown, Oversight will range the fiscal impact as \$0 or (Unknown) to Various State Funds.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** assume this proposal establishes the “Hope Missouri” Act within the Office of Administration. The office is responsible for establishing goals and strategies to accomplish the mission, coordinating collaboration among participating state agencies, using hope navigators to assist participants in identifying personal goals and helping them to achieve said goals.

The department believes the costs of this bill can be absorbed within current appropriations. However, should the cost be more than anticipated, the department would request an increase to FTE and/or appropriations as appropriate through the budget process.

Officials from the DCI assume the cost of this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from **Department of Economic Development**, **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, **Department of Health and Senior Services**, **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**, **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, **Department of Public Safety (Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Capitol Police, Fire Safety, Missouri Gaming Commission, Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of the Director, State Emergency Management Agency)**, **Department of Revenue**, **Department of Social Services**, **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules**, **Joint Committee on Legislative Research (Legislative Research and Oversight Division)**, **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan**, **Missouri Department of Agriculture**, **Missouri Department of Conservation**, **Missouri Department of Transportation**, **MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System**, **Missouri Ethics Commission**, **Missouri House of Representatives**, **Missouri Lottery Commission**, **Missouri Senate**, **Missouri State Employee's Retirement System**, **Office of Administration-Administrative Hearing Commission**, **Office of the Governor**, **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**, **Office of the Secretary of State**, **Office of the State Auditor**, **Office of the State Public Defender**, **Office of the State Treasurer**, **University of Missouri** and **State Tax Commission** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations for this proposal.

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.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health**, **Department of Natural Resources** and **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Veterans Commission** defer to the Office of Administration for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning**, **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services**, **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, **Attorney General's Office**, and **Missouri National Guard** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – OA (§37.840) p. 3-4</u>	Could exceed...	Could exceed...	Could exceed...
Personal Service	(\$316,667)	(\$387,600)	(\$395,352)
Fringe Benefits	(\$195,430)	(\$237,573)	(\$240,691)
Equipment and Expense	(\$11,800)	\$0	\$0
<u>Total Cost – OA</u>	<u>(\$523,897)</u>	<u>(\$625,173)</u>	<u>(\$636,043)</u>
FTE Change – OA	5 FTE	5 FTE	5 FTE
<u>Cost – OA-ITSD (§37.840) Website p. 3-4</u>	(\$28,690)	\$0	\$0
<u>Cost – Hope Missouri (§37.840) p.4*</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	Could exceed <u>(\$552,587)</u>	Could exceed <u>(\$625,173)</u>	Could exceed <u>(\$636,043)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change to General Revenue	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE	Could exceed 5 FTE
VARIOUS STATE FUNDS			
<u>Cost – Hope Missouri (§37.840) p.4*</u>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON VARIOUS STATE FUNDS	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

*Participating departments/agencies' job duties and responsibilities may require additional funding to implement the requirements of this proposal.

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act creates the "Hope Missouri" Act. The act establishes the Hope Missouri Office within the Office of Administration, with the Commissioner of Administration acting as the director of the office. The Office is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Establish goals and strategies to accomplish the mission of Hope Missouri;
- Facilitate coordination and collaboration among participating state agencies to achieve these goals;
- Expand the Hope Missouri partner network to meet the needs of participants;
- Empower and assist participants in need to help identify and achieve immediate, intermediate, and long-term goals and remove barriers to personal goal achievement through the development and implementation of care plans in partnership with hope navigators;
- Use hope navigators to assist participants in identifying personal goals, developing individualized plans for achieving immediate, intermediate, and long-term goals, identifying and addressing barriers, and actively connecting participants to community resources and opportunities to achieve their goals;
- Use participating state agencies to serve families holistically in achieving self-sufficiency, maximizing community integration, and building a prosperous future.
- Refer participants requiring assistance with employment or vocational training to appropriate entities to prepare, train, and place the participants in meaningful employment.

Participation in Hope Missouri is limited to legal residents who are 18 years of age or older, except as otherwise provided in the act.

State departments and agencies are required to participate in Hope Missouri at the direction of the Commissioner of Administration. In order to use government resources more effectively and efficiently, participating state departments and agencies shall use existing resources and personnel, to the extent possible, to operate Hope Missouri.

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 Commerce and Insurance

Department of Corrections

Department of Economic Development

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Department of Health and Senior Services

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Department of Mental Health

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Public Safety

 Alcohol and Tobacco Control

 Capitol Police

 Fire Safety

 Missouri Gaming Commission

 Missouri Highway Patrol

 Missouri Veterans Commission

 Office of the Director

 State Emergency Management Agency

Department of Revenue

Department of Social Services

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

Joint Committee on Legislative Research

 Legislative Research

 Oversight Division

Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan

Missouri Department of Agriculture

Missouri Department of Conservation

Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Ethics Commission

Missouri House of Representatives

Missouri Lottery Commission

Missouri Senate

Missouri State Employee's Retirement System

MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System

Office of Administration

 Administrative Hearing Commission

 Commissioner's Office

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