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FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill No.: SB 1619
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to leaves of absence for members of the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)	(\$0 to \$2,308,885)

*Oversight assumes the fiscal impact is for the increased leave of absence hours paid to state employees for qualified military service.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Colleges and Universities*	\$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)

*Oversight assumes the fiscal impact is for the increased leave of absence hours paid to college and university employees for qualified military service.

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 <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§41.942 and 105.270 - Leaves of Absence for Military Service

Officials from the **Missouri National Guard (MONG)** state that the MONG has roughly identified 17 MONG employees who would be impacted by this bill. All supervisors have noted that the employer would likely cover the absence by paying overtime to other employees for the duration of the leave. An estimate of impact for employees gone for ONLY 38 days would be \$300,000.

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** assumes that §105.270. states that all officers and employees of this state, or of any department or agency thereof, or of any county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision, and all other public employees of this state who are or may become members of the National Guard or of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of time, pay, regular leave, impairment of efficiency rating, or of any other rights or benefits, to which otherwise entitled, for all periods of military services during which they are engaged in the performance of duty or training in the service of this state at the call of the governor and as ordered by the adjutant general without regard to length of time, and for all periods of military services during which they are engaged in the performance of duty in the service of the United States under competent orders for a period not to exceed a total of thirty-eight days in any federal fiscal year.

Thus, allowing an additional 184 hours of leave with pay - military time. The increase in hours would potentially have a cost impact of \$0 to unknown, but a potential estimate of \$2,308,885.36

Calculations are based on the team members from Federal Fiscal Year 2025 who utilized leave with pay-military time (467 Team members) multiplied by the average hourly rate of state team members (\$26.87) multiplied by the proposed hours of 184 minus the team members from Federal Fiscal Year 2025 who utilized leave with pay-military time (467 Team members) multiplied by the average hourly rate state team members (\$26.87) by 120.

$$((467 * \$26.87) * 304) - ((467 * \$26.87) * 120) = \$2,308,885.36$$

There is no way to calculate how much of this leave would be used, and specifically, how many military state team members would utilize the full amount of leave. The agency is unable to say for certain the number and duration that a military state team member would use leave with pay-military time, the agency has calculated a range of \$0 to unknown, but a potential estimate of \$2,308,885.36

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will show the fiscal impact of up to \$2,308,885 in cost to General Revenue for various state agencies as estimated by the OA.

Officials from the **University of Missouri System (UM)** state that the University of Missouri has reviewed this proposed legislation and while difficult to calculate the financial impact, UM anticipates it would be minimal.

Officials from the **University of Central Missouri** stated that there would be an indeterminate fiscal impact on the university.

Oversight notes that §105.270.1 includes who is considered a qualified employee for leave with pay – military time. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will show a fiscal impact to colleges and universities along with local political subdivisions of \$0 (no qualified employees take leave with pay – military time) to an Unknown cost for qualified employees that take leave with pay that could exceed the \$250,000 threshold.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety-Fire Safety** and **Department of Public Safety-Office of the Director** 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 only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local subdivisions were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receiving 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost – OA (§105.270) For increased leave of absence hours paid to state team members for qualified military service p.3</u>	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)	(\$0 to <u>\$2,308,885</u>)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES			
<u>Cost</u> – (\$105.270) For increased leave of absence hours paid to employees for qualified military service p.4	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost</u> – (\$105.270) For increased leave of absence hours paid to employees for qualified military service p.4	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>	\$0 <u>or (Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, a public employee that is also a member of the National Guard or any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States is entitled to a leave of absence from their duties as a public employee, while engaged in the performance of their duty to the service of the United States. This act extends those same provisions to volunteer firefighters other than provisions relating to monetary compensation.

Under current law, a public employee who is serving in the Missouri National Guard or an Armed forces reserve component shall be entitled to a leave of absence from their employment duties for a period not to exceed 120 hours in any fiscal year. This act changes that time period to 38 working days in any federal fiscal year.

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 Public Safety
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