

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2517-01  
BILL NO.: SB 554  
SUBJECT: Increases Penalties for Possession of Child Pornography  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: January 6, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds*</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\* Unknown costs could exceed \$100,000 annually.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of Prosecution Services, Office of Attorney General, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** assume that this proposal will not fiscally affect their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Public Defender** stated that enactment of this proposal would only minimally impact their agency.

**The Department of Corrections has not responded to Oversight's request for fiscal information nor have they provided a ten-year prison impact statement as required by Section 217.022 RSMo.** However, Oversight assumes this proposal would have impact on the prison or probation populations. The exact cost cannot be determined, but could exceed \$100,000 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

Costs - Department of Corrections

New Prisoners and Additional Persons on Probation*	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>
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**\* Unknown costs could exceed \$100,000 annually.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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DESCRIPTION

This proposal increases the penalty for possession of child pornography if more than 25 images or 1 film depicting minors is involved. The penalty is increased from a Class A misdemeanor (up to 1 year in jail) to a Class D felony (up to 5 years in prison).

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

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of State Public Defender  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of Attorney General  
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol

**NOT RESPONDING: Department of Corrections**



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