

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3808-02
BILL NO.: SB 943
SUBJECT: Abortion; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Hospitals; Health Department;
 Medical Procedures and Personnel
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 14, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Office of Attorney General officials did not respond to our fiscal impact request.

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require disclosure to the Department of Health of the transfer of human fetal parts for research purposes. It would revise Section 188.037, RSMo, which currently prohibits the use of any aborted viable fetus for research purposes, unless it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the fetus. This proposal also defines "human fetal parts" as a deceased fetus or child who is delivered by induced or spontaneous abortion, and "valuable consideration" as methods of payment or debt incurrence associated with the transfer of human fetal parts. Any abortion facility, as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or transferee of an abortion facility or hospital would be prohibited from transferring human fetal parts for valuable consideration without properly disclosing to the Department of Health the information surrounding the transfer. Such facilities would also be prohibited from shipping human fetal parts without full disclosure of the contents to the shipping carrier. Section 188.037, RSMo, would not apply to the unpaid transfer by families of human fetal parts to a pathologist for testing or for burial or **DESCRIPTION** (continued)

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cremation. Any individual violating this section would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and may also be fined up to twice the amount of valuable consideration received for the transfer of human fetal parts.

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 Health
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services

NOT RESPONDING: Office of Attorney General



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