

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4735-01
Bill No.: SB 1172
Subject: Children and Minors: Division of Family Services
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** stated that the proposal would not have any fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials of **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services** (DOS - DFS) stated that, because the proposal would only affect investigations of alleged abuse at schools or child care facilities, they could carry out revised duties specified by the proposal with existing resources.

DFS officials also note that requiring CA/N reports be shared with school district liaison, who would retain them as all other school records are retained could have a non-fiscal impact. Provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act would supercede Missouri law. Subsection 210.150.5 allows alleged perpetrators named in CA/N reports access to the reports unless DFS determines identifying information in a report could place a person in jeopardy or criminal charges are pending. The proposal allows the possibility of alleged perpetrators gaining access to information (including names and addresses of witnesses) not available to them under current law.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would change some provisions of law governing investigation of allegations of child abuse or neglect in those cases where the site of the alleged abuse is a school or child care facility.

It would require Division of Family Services officials to notify parents of children who are alleged victims before interviewing the children unless the parents are suspects. Division officials could not interview a child at the site of the alleged abuse.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposal would also require each school district to have one person designated as liaison and would specify that all information the liaison receives about alleged child abuse and neglect cases be subject to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g and federal rule 34 C. F. R. Part 99.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This legislation would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services



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