

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4661H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 2261  
Subject: Roads and Highways; Children and Minors; Motor Vehicles  
Type: Original  
Date: January 22, 2024

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to child safety seat requirements.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Revenue (DOR)** assume the following regarding this proposal:

#### Administrative Impact

To implement the proposed legislation, the Department will:

- Update forms and website information; and
- Inform staff

#### FY 2025 – Driver License Bureau

Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. x \$28.89 per hr. = \$1,156  
Administrative Manager 40 hrs. x \$31.36 per hr. = \$1,254  
Total = \$ 2,410

#### FY 2025 – Strategy and Communications Office

Associate Research/Data Analyst 40 hrs. x \$23.15 per hr. = \$926

Total = **\$3,336**

The Department can absorb these costs. If multiple bills are passed that require resources, the Department may request funding/FTE through the appropriations process.

**Oversight** assumes DOR will use existing staff and will not hire additional FTE to conduct these activities; therefore, Oversight will not reflect the administrative costs DOR has indicated on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Senior Services** and **Department of Social Services** 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** notes, according to data provided by the Office of the State Courts Administrator, the following number of infractions of §307.179 per fiscal year were issued:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Infractions for Violations of §307.179</b>
2023	745
2022	793
2021	804
2020	657
2019	597

Oversight notes the fine amount for these infractions remains the same at \$50 plus court costs. Oversight assumes there will not be a significant change in the number of infractions as a result of the changes in the bill; therefore, Oversight will not reflect a material amount of additional fine revenue on the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

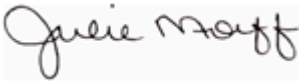
This bill requires that children, until the age of two, must be secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system, except that a child under two years of age may face forward when the child reaches the highest rear-facing weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat. Children of at least 80 pounds, more than four feet nine inches in height, and at least eight years in age must wear a seat belt pursuant to Section 307.178, RSMo.

The bill repeals the exemption that children in an immediate family do not have to be restrained when there are fewer seatbelts than children. The bill makes all violations of this section an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

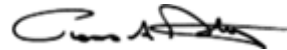
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue  
Missouri Highway Patrol  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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