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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3679S.01I
Bill No.: SB 1155
Subject: Children and Minors; Disabilities; Health Care; Emergencies; Law Enforcement
Officers and Agencies; Telecommunications
Type: Original
Date: February 27, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal creates the CTF medical alert system.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
| General Revenue | (\$80,150) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | (\$80,150) | \$0 | \$0 |

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
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| 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 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
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| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.1015 – CTF medical alert system

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (DPS) – Director’s Office (DO)** state staff will cover this alert system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Staff will also work with law enforcement agencies and broadcasters establishing and maintaining relationships in regards to this program.

The DO estimates this program will require 9 FTE Program Specialists (\$68,712 each, annually) and one (1) Senior Program Specialist (\$75,360 annually) plus fringe benefits, equipment and expense. The estimated cost to the General Revenue Fund for FY 2025 is \$966,071; FY 2026 costs of \$1,133,418; and FY 2027 costs of \$1,153,082.

Oversight contacted DPS officials regarding their fiscal impact and the need for 10 FTE for this medical alert system. Officials stated 10 FTEs are needed because a new system will need to be built and administered by DPS. DPS is tasked with developing the regions in which the new alert system would be administered.

DPS intends to establish 9 regions to mirror the 9 troop regions established by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. 1 FTE is needed per region to comply with the requirements set forth in the proposed legislation. Further, DPS is tasked with coordinating with local law enforcement, public commercial television, radio broadcasters to provide an effective system. Also, because the legislation makes the participation by local law enforcement optional, DPS is then tasked with notification of all local media in the region when local law enforcement opts out of using the new system. As there is no requirement to make law enforcement agencies participate, DPS anticipates needing to have 1 FTE dedicated to each region which would cover multiple counties. Finally, there will need to be 1 FTE who is a program manager and supervisor. The manager/supervising FTE will also be responsible for creating and administering the rules for the implementation of this system as outlined in subsection 7.

Oversight assumes local law enforcement agencies would opt to participate in this new alert system and the DPS-DO could assign the CTF alert system to the Highway Patrol (MHP). The way other alert systems work is the person reporting the endangered person goes to their local law enforcement agency. If the criteria the reporting person gives law enforcement meets the criteria for an alert to be issued, the law enforcement agency contacts the MHP and MHP “pushes” out the alert. Based on MHP’s response (below), the MHP already has the infrastructure in place to support another alert system and would simply need one-time costs to build the new system. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes the DPS-DO does not need additional FTE to implement the provisions of this proposal.

Officials from the **DPS - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state if the MHP is tasked with building this proposed system as is with the other alert systems in the state (Amber, Endangered Persons, Silver), there would be an associated cost. This cost is anticipated to come from the General Revenue Fund (0101). Initial costs for building the system and getting it to an operational status would be an estimated \$80,150. There is no anticipated costs for ongoing maintenance with the system.

Estimated number of hours to build the new system - 458
Current contracted rate for projects - \$175/hour
Total estimated cost - \$80,150

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** assume the proposal will have no measurable fiscal impact on MOPS. The enactment of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors and the circuit attorney which may, in turn, result in additional costs, which are difficult to determine.

Oversight has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for MOPS.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Missouri Department of Transportation**, the **Office of the State Public Defender**, the **Phelps County Sheriff's Department**, the **Branson Police Department**, the **Kansas City Police Department**, the **St. Louis County Police Department** and the **Missouri Lottery Commission** 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.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for a statement of fiscal impact.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other sheriffs and police departments were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> | FY 2025 (10 Mo.) | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
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| GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
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| <u>Costs</u> – DPS-MHP (§210.1015) – creation of CTF Alert system p.4 | (\$80,150) | \$0 | \$0 |
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| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND | <u>(\$80,150)</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2025 (10 Mo.) | FY 2026 | FY 2027 |
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| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act creates the Christian Taylor Ferguson ("CTF") Medical Alert System to aid in identifying and locating a missing endangered person, defined as a person, including a child, who is missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances and who is believed to be in danger because of a medical condition that requires immediate care, medication, or treatment.

The CTF Medical Alert System shall be set up and maintained in a manner similar to the Amber Alert System. The Department of Public Safety shall develop regions to provide the system and to coordinate local law enforcement agencies and public commercial television and radio

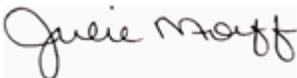
broadcasters. The Department shall also administer and promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

Persons knowingly making a false report to trigger an alert under this act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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 and Senior Services
Department of Public Safety –
 Director’s Office
 Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Public Defender
Phelps County Sheriff’s Department
Branson Police Department
Kansas City Police Department
St. Louis County Police Department
Missouri Lottery Commission
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services



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