

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4670S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 1260
 Subject: Health Care; Medical Procedures and Personnel; Physicians; Nurses; Children and Minors; Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services
 Type: Original
 Date: January 21, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to prenatal tests for certain diseases.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General	(\$16,106)	Could exceed (\$19,327)	Could exceed (\$19,327)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$16,106)	Could exceed (\$19,327)	Could exceed (\$19,327)

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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
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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.030 - Provisions relating to prenatal tests for certain diseases

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state § 210.030.1 of the proposed legislation would increase the number of patient samples that the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL) would receive for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B testing.

Approximately 4.5% of women are pregnant at any one time so this percentage was used on the total number of female samples received for HIV and syphilis testing in 2023. An additional 500-800 samples a year would be tested for all conditions if this legislation passed.

The estimated number of pregnant females was used in the calculations for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B expenses for both screening and confirmatory costs. Confirmatory numbers were based on current trends that are seen for each test.

The cost estimates are based upon the expected number of samples and cost per test with an applied algorithm for testing and confirmation.

HIV (765 samples * \$6.90 per test) + \$216 confirmation testing = \$5,495
Syphilis (585 samples * \$3.00 per test) + \$1,037 confirmation testing = \$2,792
Hepatitis B (500 samples * \$7.52 per test) = \$3,760
Hepatitis C (500 samples * \$10.03 per test) + \$2,265 confirmation testing = \$7,280

The projected total per year would be \$19,327 in additional reagents and kit costs. The cost of reagents will go up each year with an inflation cost of 5% per year. The MSPHL cannot absorb this cost. The workload for performing the additional testing can be absorbed by current staff.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary. Oversight notes this proposal does not have an emergency clause. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DHSS as \$16,106 in FY 2025 and “Could exceed \$19,327” in FY 2026 and FY 2027 due to inflationary costs of the reagents portion of the program expenditures.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for the potential fiscal impact of this proposal.

Oversight notes DPS/MHP’s deferral to MODOT for a statement of fiscal impact; for fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes no fiscal impact for DPS/MHP.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan**, the **Missouri Department of Conservation**, the **Missouri Department of Transportation**, the **Oversight Division** and the **Newton County Health Department** 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 only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies and hospitals 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs – DHSS/MSPHL (§210.030)</u> Additional testing supplies p. 3	(\$16,106)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(\$16,106)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)	<u>Could exceed</u> (\$19,327)

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

Certain small medical and laboratory businesses would be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, a physician or other health care provider shall draw and test a pregnant woman's blood at or soon after her first prenatal examination, with her consent, for syphilis, hepatitis B, or other similar diseases. Under this act, the testing of the pregnant woman's blood shall also occur at the twenty-eighth week of her pregnancy. Additionally, the test shall include hepatitis C and HIV. If a mother tests positive for syphilis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV, the physician or other health

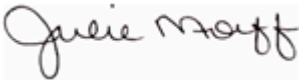
care provider shall treat the mother in accordance with the most recent accepted medical practice.

Current law requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to work in consultation with the Missouri Genetic Disease Advisory Committee to make rules pertaining to these blood tests. This act repeals the requirement to work with the Committee and requires that the tests be approved or accepted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (§210.030)

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 Commerce and Insurance
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Joint Committee on Legislative Research - Oversight Division
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