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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3387S.01I
Bill No.: SB 760
Subject: Department of Public Safety; Fire Protection; Mental Health
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the critical incident stress management program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue	(\$825,000)	(\$825,000)	(\$825,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$825,000)	(\$825,000)	(\$825,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
988 Public Safety Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Revenue and expenses net to zero.

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

§590.192 Critical Incident Stress Management Program

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety (Fire Safety and Office of the Director)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes TAFP SS for SCS for SB 57 (FY21) created the “Critical Incident Stress Management Program”. This program currently provides services to peace officers to assist in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma resulting from a response to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event. All peace officers will be required to meet with a program service provider once every three to five years for a mental health check-in. The program service provider will send a notification to the peace officer’s commanding officer’s when the check-in is complete. It also created the 988 Public Safety Fund to be used solely by DPS for the purpose of providing services for peace officers affected by a critical incident. This bill modifies the language to include firefighters.

Oversight contacted Fire Safety to determine the number of firefighters in Missouri. Fire Safety states the total number of firefighters in the state as of November 2023 is approximately 21,941. This is based on fire department registration information provided to Fire Safety. Fire Safety has seen this number get as high as 24,000 but not lower than 20,000. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight will use 22,000 to determine a fiscal impact.

At a cost of \$150 per visit (MHP provided actual contract cost for FY 23), Oversight will reflect a cost of \$3,300,000 over a four-year rotation period $[(22,000 * \$150)/4 = \$825,000]$. Oversight notes TAFP HB 8 for 2023 included a \$503,511 appropriation for the 988 Public Safety Fund (0864) from General Revenue. Oversight will continue to utilize our estimated fiscal impact.

Additionally, Oversight will reflect the possibility that the General Assembly could appropriate moneys to this fund from the General Revenue Fund. Oversight assumes all appropriated moneys, if any, will be expended in the same year on services such as consultation, risk assessment, education, intervention, and other crisis intervention services. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight assumes expenses and services provided under this proposal will equal income and net to zero.

Oversight assumes Fire Safety will utilize the services provided through the Critical Incident Stress Management Program to assist firefighters in coping with stress and potential psychological trauma relating to a critical incident or emotionally difficult event and, therefore, will reflect no impact to the Department of Public Safety for fiscal note purposes.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Transfer Out</u> – to the 988 Public Safety Fund p. 3	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>
988 PUBLIC SAFETY FUND			
<u>Transfer In</u> – from General Revenue p. 3	\$825,000	\$825,000	\$825,000
<u>Cost</u> – Firefighters evaluation/check-in (§590.192) (new to program) (22,000 x \$150 / once every 4 years)	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>	<u>(\$825,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE 988 PUBLIC SAFETY FUND (0864)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<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

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

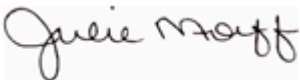
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act adds firefighters as eligible first responder personnel to receive services from the Critical Incident Stress Management Program of the Department of Public Safety.

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 Public Safety –
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