

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2729H.02P  
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 1358  
Subject: Political Subdivisions; Health, Public; Liability  
Type: Original  
Date: May 3, 2021

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Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to contagious diseases.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §192.027 – Relating to infection diseases, as amended with House Amendments 1 and 2

Officials from the **City of Springfield (Springfield)** anticipates a negative fiscal impact of an unknown amount from this bill due to the inability to use effective mitigation strategies to stop the spread of communicable diseases which may increase the cost of contact tracing and fighting diseases. It is impossible to estimate the amount of negative fiscal impact because it is unknown how many additional cases of communicable disease might result from this bill.

Officials from the **Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS)** state there will be an unknown cost due to an increase in COVID-19 cases and other communicable diseases requiring disease investigation and contact tracing. It is impossible to estimate how many additional COVID-19 cases and other communicable disease cases there will be as a result of not quarantining close contacts or taking appropriate actions to prevent the spread of illness in various properties.

Officials from the **City of Kansas City Health Department** assume the proposal would have an indeterminate fiscal impact.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Health Department** anticipate this proposal would result in an unknown increase in costs if the department's ability to implement effective mitigation strategies to stop the spread of communicable diseases is restricted. It is anticipated there would be an increase in costs for contact tracers and case investigators. It is impossible to estimate what the negative fiscal impact would be as a result of this bill.

**Oversight** notes it is currently the responsibility of local public health agencies (LPHAs) to conduct disease investigation and contact tracing regardless of whether a statewide emergency has been proclaimed by the governor. It is assumed any potential costs that may be incurred as a result of this proposal are indirect costs. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for provisions of this proposal that relate to communicable diseases and potential impacts incurred by local governments and public health departments.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **City of Claycomo**, the **City of Corder** 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.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Attorney General's Office**, the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services**, the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of O'Fallon** and the **City of St. Louis** each assumed the proposal would 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 that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies, cities and various county officials were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<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

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

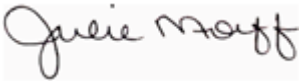
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

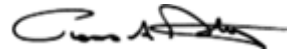
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