

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6164-01  
Bill No.: HB 1952  
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Drugs and Controlled Substances; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: March 27, 2012

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Bill Summary: Establishes the Meth Lab Elimination Act which reclassifies some forms of methamphetamine precursor drugs from Schedule IV and V to Schedule III requiring a prescription.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol and Office of State Public Defender** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** state the legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to JCAR beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The Secretary of State's office 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 \$2,500. The SOS recognizes this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs.** However, it is also recognized 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 within 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 Prosecution Services (OPS)** assume the proposal will have no measurable fiscal impact on the OPS. The creation of a new crime creates additional responsibilities for county prosecutors which may, in turn, result in additional costs, which are difficult to determine.

**Oversight** assumes the potential responsibilities imposed on county prosecutors as a result of this proposal, will be absorbable within current funding and staffing levels.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state requiring prescriptions for known meth precursors should make it more difficult for offenders to obtain and, therefore, manufacture methamphetamine. The passage of this legislation should result in a potential decrease in future cases sent to the DOC for charges of possession, manufacture, distribution, trafficking, etc., of this illegal substance. The fiscal impact related specifically to this proposal cannot be estimated, neither before or after passage of the bill, but the unknown effect is assumed to be a positive for the DOC for each fiscal year.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** notes the provisions of this proposal ends August 28, 2014. Therefore, only two months of Unknown Savings are presented for the fiscal note for FY 15. There is no way to determine what the potential impact for the remaining 10 months of 2015 will be and these months are not being presented for fiscal note purposes.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015 (2 Mo.)
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Savings - Department of Corrections</u>			
Reduction in costs for crimes related to methamphetamine	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015 (2 Mo.)
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

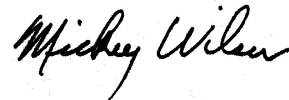
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The provisions of this proposal reclassifies some forms of methamphetamine precursor drugs from Schedule IV and V controlled substances to Schedule III, thereby, requiring a prescription.

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

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Public Safety -  
    Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of Secretary of State  
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