

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2314H.011  
Bill No.: HB 1213  
Subject: Hospitals; Health Care; Crimes and Punishment  
Type: Original  
Date: March 19, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires health care facilities to post a sign warning of the potential criminal consequences of assaulting health care professionals.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government*</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\*Cost to display printed signs at various health care facilities.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**§197.708 – Assaults on health care professionals**

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol**, the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services**, the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Office of the State Public Defender**, 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.

Officials from the **Cass Regional Medical Center** state with ten locations and depending on the number of signs per location at \$50 per sign, the estimated cost is \$2,000 for Cass Regional Medical Center. If posted at all treatment locations within the facilities, the cost could increase to \$10,000.

**Oversight** notes the cost for the Cass Regional Medical Center and is unable to project a statewide cost; therefore, the impact to local governments-political subdivisions will be presented as (Unknown). Oversight assumes the fiscal impact will be less than \$250,000.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other county and city health departments, nursing homes, 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 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
Cost - Health Facilities - (§197.708) Printed signs at various health care facilities	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

ASSAULTS ON HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS (Section 197.708)

This bill requires health care facilities to display a printed sign with the following text in all capital letters:

"WARNING: ASSAULTING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, INCLUDING STRIKING A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WITH ANY BODILY FLUID, IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT MAY BE PUNISHABLE AS 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.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol  
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Newton County Health Department  
Cass Regional Medical Center



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