

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3613H.01I
Bill No.: HB 1844
Subject: Health, Public; Drugs and Controlled Substances; Department of Health and Senior Services
Type: Original
Date: March 9, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal exempts health care entities registered with the Department of Health and Senior Services that distribute hypodermic needles or syringes from the crime of unlawful delivery of drug paraphernalia.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
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| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
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| 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 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
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| 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 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| | | | |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§579.040 and 579.076 – Distributors of hypodermic needles

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the proposed legislation would require any entity that possesses, distributes, or delivers hypodermic needles or syringes for the purpose of operating a syringe access program or mitigating health risks that are associated with unsterile drug use to register with the DHSS. The duties associated with the registration of entities would require an additional 25 hours per year by a Public Health Program Specialist, which would cost of \$531.67 annually. (The average Public Health Program Specialist salary in the Division of Community and Public Health is \$44,235.26 as of January 2021. An average hourly salary of \$21.27 X 25 hours = \$531.67).

The 25 hours per year is based on data entry of entities into the registry. The department anticipates being able to absorb these costs. However, until the FY23 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Oversight assumes DHSS has sufficient staff and resources available to absorb the minimal additional duties imposed by the provisions of this proposal and will reflect no fiscal impact for DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety, Missouri Highway Patrol, the Newton County Health Department** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** 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 that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local public health agencies 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 2023 (10 Mo.) | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| | | | |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2023 (10 Mo.) | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

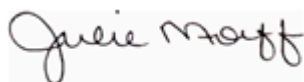
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety – Missouri Highway Patrol
Newton County Health Department
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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