

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2925H.011
Bill No.: HB 2121
Subject: Health, Public; Sexual Offenses
Type: Original
Date: January 8, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act".

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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 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

§§191.713 and 191.714 – Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §191.714 of the proposed legislation would require hospitals and urgent care facilities to provide emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment. The Department would need to develop materials to inform providers of the requirement, best practices for these services, and referral guides for forensic exams. The Department estimates needing 1,000 materials at \$1 per item, for a total of \$1,000.

The DHSS response for this proposal is slightly different from previous responses for similar bills. The Office on Women's Health (OWH) has developed additional expertise on sexual violence treatment and response as they develop the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam with Telehealth Network (SAFE-T Network). While this would have no direct impact on the SAFE-T Network, the Office did identify a cost not previously considered. Many providers in hospitals and urgent care facilities are not trained in or comfortable with providing the type of care needed to meet the requirements of the proposed legislation. The OWH would develop guides to meet this need.

The Department anticipates this taking less than 100 hours and therefore would not need additional FTE. DHSS anticipates being able to absorb the FTE costs. However, until the FY25 budget is final, the department cannot identify specific funding sources.

Oversight has no information to the contrary and assumes DHSS has sufficient staff and resources available to absorb the minimal costs associated with this proposal. No fiscal impact will be shown in the fiscal note for DHSS.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS 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 \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes 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 with 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.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, hospitals were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<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

Small business health care facilities could be impacted by this proposal. (§§191.713 and 191.714)

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.

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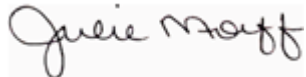
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services

Office of the Secretary of State

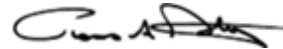
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