

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4880S.01I
 Bill No.: SB 1295
 Subject: Emergencies; Department of Health and Senior Services; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Higher Education; Public Health
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to emergency medical services.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue	(\$347,949)	(\$333,890)	(\$335,456)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$347,949)	(\$333,890)	(\$335,456)

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
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

- 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

§190.177 - Emergency medical services data

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state §190.177.1 of the proposed legislation requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to collaborate with the University of Missouri, School of Medicine “regarding the analysis of data collected from ambulance services and emergency medical response agencies pursuant to section 190.176. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the collection, analysis, and disclosure of EMS data under other provisions of state law.”

There is currently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department and the University of Missouri for a six-month pilot program of this nature. However, the process in the existing MOU is for a minor transfer of data, while the proposed legislation will require a major transfer of data. The Department’s Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) will need the following staff to carry out the provisions outlined in the proposed legislation:

One full-time Regulatory Auditor (annual salary \$50,611) to assist in program oversight and ongoing review of data. This position is assumed to be a telecommuter.

Currently, the Department’s Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) contracts with vendor ImageTrend for data related services through an Office of Administration-Information Technology Services Division (OA-ITSD) contract. The information and data required by the proposed legislation is not covered under the current contract. Should the proposed legislation pass, OA-ITSD would be required to work with ImageTrend to modify the contract and satisfy the newly established data needs. The total estimated ITSD cost is \$27,216.

The estimated cost for ImageTrend modifications is \$241,237 in FY 2025, which includes a one-time fee for modules setup and implementation, and \$240,562 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for recurring fees.

Oversight does not have information to the contrary and therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimates as provided by the DHSS.

In response to similar legislation from the 2024 session (HB 2164), officials from the **University of Missouri Health Care (MUHC)** determined that as written it should not create expenses in excess of \$100,000 annually.

Oversight assumes the costs incurred by the MUHC related to this proposal can be absorbed within current resource levels.

Oversight only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other fire protection districts, ambulance districts 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 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Costs – DHSS (§190.177) EMS data collection program p. 3</u>			
Personnel Service	(\$42,176)	(\$51,623)	(\$52,656)
Fringe Benefits	(\$28,863)	(\$35,028)	(\$35,428)
Expense & Equipment	(\$8,457)	(\$6,677)	(\$6,810)
<u>Total Costs - DHSS</u>	<u>(\$79,496)</u>	<u>(\$93,328)</u>	<u>(\$94,894)</u>
FTE Change	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<u>Costs – OA, ITSD/DHSS (§190.177) p. 3</u>			
ITSD Costs/System changes	(\$27,216)	\$0	\$0
ImageTrend Contract Services	(\$241,237)	(\$240,562)	(\$240,562)
<u>Total Costs – OA, ITSD/DHSS</u>	<u>(\$268,453)</u>	<u>(\$240,562)</u>	<u>(\$240,562)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$347,949)</u>	<u>(\$333,890)</u>	<u>(\$335,456)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<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

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to collaborate with the University of Missouri, School of Medicine to analyze emergency medical services (EMS) data collected from ambulance services and emergency medical response agencies under state law. The Department and the University shall maintain the confidentiality of personal health information, as described in the act.

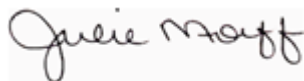
The Department's collaboration with the University shall be for the purpose of quality improvement in the provision of emergency medical services, research, and reporting to EMS entities and state agencies. Local EMS agencies reporting data to the Department shall be provided with access, at no cost, to the data the agencies have submitted.

Any employee of the Department, the University, a public health authority, or other person with access to the information collected under this act who knowingly releases the information in violation of this act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. (§190.177)

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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