

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</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 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Office of Administration – Division of Personnel, Department of Corrections, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Health and Senior Services** and the **Department of Mental Health** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Administrative Hearing Commission (AHC)** anticipate this proposal will not significantly alter its caseload.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume any costs to prosecutors resulting from this proposal can be absorbed.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services – Division of Family Services (DFS)** assume the proposal may require changes to the personnel system if it is found that agency staff can no longer be referred to as Social Service Workers, Social Work Specialists or Social Service Supervisors. DFS states if agency titles were required to change, items including the title, such as business cards and identification badges, would need to be replaced. In addition, changes to wording in the agency policy manuals may be required. DFS notes there is a lack of definition

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(in the proposal) of the forms of the title that prevent calculating an exact impact. DFS assumes the impact would be less than \$100,000 annually.

**Oversight** assumes any cost arising from the need to replace/update business cards, identification badges, letterhead and policy manuals could be paid from existing resources. **Oversight** further assumes any such cost should be incurred in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 only.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development – Division of Professional Registration** state having reviewed the proposed legislation and having sought the conclusion of the appropriate board(s), they are of the opinion this fiscal note in its present form, has no fiscal impact to our division. However, if any individual, government entities, public or private agency or organization violates any provision of section 337.604 the board shall impose a fine up to \$1,000 which would increase the Social Work Fund, which in turn would increase total state revenue.

**Oversight** assumes revenue from fines paid would go to the Social Work Fund; however, the proposal doesn't require any individual or agency to disobey the law. **Oversight** assumes individuals and public and private agencies will comply with the provisions of the proposal and therefore assumes no direct fiscal impact on state funds.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses who employ “social workers,” either in a paid or unpaid status, may realize an administrative impact resulting from ensuring such staff are accredited according to the requirements of this proposal. Small business who violate this provision may be imposed a fine up to \$1,000.

### DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits any person from holding themselves out as being a social worker or using the title of “social worker” unless the person holds a current license in baccalaureate or clinical social work issued by the State Committee for Social Workers or holds a degree from an accredited social work program approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

Beginning January 1, 2004, no person may use the title of “social worker” for volunteer or employment positions within contracts for services, documents, manuals, or reference material unless those persons being referred to have met all educational requirements set forth by the proposal. Violation of the abovementioned provisions shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

This proposal also defines “social worker.”

This proposal is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

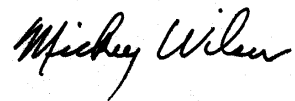
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