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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1194-01
Bill No.: Perfected SB 205
Subject: Children and Minors; Social Services Department; Family Services Division;
 Education, Higher
Type: Original
Date: April 16, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal requires all children over 15 years of age in foster care or in the Division of Youth Services to receive a visit to a state university or community or technical college in Missouri.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)	(Unknown, less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Senate Amendment #1:

In response to SB 208 from the current session, officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** stated in section 211.036, current statute provides that if a child is under the age of 18 and released from the custody of the CD and it appears that it would be in the best interest of the child, the Juvenile Office, the CD or the Child may petition the court to return custody of the child to the CD. This proposal changes "under age 18" to "under the age of 21".

It is unknown how many children from age 18 up to age 21 would reenter foster care based solely on what is in the best interest of the child and as a result of a petition filed by the Juvenile office, the Children's Division or the child. In Fiscal Year 2012, the cost for foster care per child is \$19,380. If five children came into care in a year, the cost would be \$96,900.

The CD does not anticipate a large number of children re-entering foster care between the ages of 18 up to 21 as a result of this legislation; therefore, the fiscal impact is unknown, but less than \$100,000 annually.

In response to SB 208 from the current session, officials from **Metropolitan Community College** state that although likely positive, the proposal would have no significant fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to SB 208 from the current session, officials from **Linn State Technical College, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri State University, Missouri Western State University, Northwest Missouri State University, the University of Central Missouri** and the **University of Missouri** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Bill as a Whole:

In response to the original proposal, officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS) - Children's Division (CD)** stated as of December 31, 2012, the CD had 2,776 children in foster care age fifteen and older. State colleges, community colleges, or technical colleges are spread throughout the state of Missouri and can be found within approximately 50 - 75 miles of even the most rural areas of Missouri and, in most areas, much closer. The CD assumes that most of the foster children live within 25 miles of a state college, community college or technical college. Using 50 miles as the average round trip miles and utilizing the Missouri's State Fleet Management Trip Optimizer, state car mileage expenses are \$0.37 per mile.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Assuming the CD makes a single trip for each and every foster child over the age of fifteen to a state college, community or technical college, the presumed costs would be:

$$2,776 \text{ foster children} \times 50 \text{ miles} \times \$0.37 \text{ cents per mile} = \$51,356$$

The CD currently covers the cost for some of these types of visits through existing funding or through school sponsored events, etc. The costs associated with any additional visits required under this legislation that are not currently occurring would be absorbed by the Division. Therefore, the fiscal impact is zero.

In response to the original proposal, officials from the **DSS - Division of Youth Services (DYS)** stated during the past several years, the DYS has increased the amount of focus and support on secondary education completion and post secondary pursuit for the youth in its custody. With this effort, many of the eligible youth have had the opportunity to visit a college or vocational training center either individually with their service coordinator or as part of a field trip. Therefore, it is the DYS' estimation while costs were submitted in 2011 at \$12,780, the DYS is confident that the provisions of SB 205 can be implemented with any additional costs absorbed within current funding levels.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** state the proposal would have no direct, foreseeable fiscal impact on the DHE.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
	(10 Mo.)		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - DSS-CD</u>			
Children age 18 to 21 re-entering foster care	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>(Unknown, less than \$100,000)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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

Senate Amendment #1:

Under current law, if a youth under the age of 18 is released from the custody of the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services, the juvenile officer, the Children's Division or the youth may petition the court to return to the custody of the Children's Division if it appears it would be in the youth's best interest. This proposal raises the age limit from 18 to 21.

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 Higher Education
Department of Social Services -
 Children's Division
 Division of Youth Services
Linn State Technical College
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri Southern State University
Missouri State University
Missouri Western State University
Northwest Missouri State University
University of Missouri



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