# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3693-03

Bill No.: SCS for SB 625

Subject: Attorneys; Disabilities; Elderly; Health and Senior Services Department; Law

Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Victims of Crime

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: March 5, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes multidisciplinary adult protection teams.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on All				
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

# **ASSUMPTION**

§§ 56.086 and 192.2435 - Multidisciplinary adult protection teams and reports

Oversight notes the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services has stated the proposal would not have a measurable fiscal impact on their organization. The creation of additional responsibilities for county prosecutors may result in additional costs which are difficult to determine at the present time. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

Oversight notes the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, the Office of State Courts Administrator, the St. Louis County Department of Justice Services and the Springfield Police Department have each stated the proposal would not have a direct 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 organizations.

**Oversight** notes, in response to the previous version of this proposal, the **St. Louis County Police Department** stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

**Oversight** notes the provisions of this proposal provide that each prosecuting attorney of a county or the circuit attorney <u>may</u> develop, maintain, and coordinate the services of one or more multidisciplinary adult protection teams. Oversight assumes this is permissive and is not a required duty and, therefore, Oversight assumes the proposal will either have no fiscal impact or an unknown cost to local governments to establish adult protection teams or a database of cases.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other sheriff's and police departments, counties, and circuit courts 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>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023

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NET EFFECT TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>\$0 or</u>	<u>\$0 or</u>	<u>\$0 or</u>
	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> - Multidisciplinary Adult Protection	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or	\$0 or
Teams (§56.086)		(Unknown)	(Unknown)
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	(10 Mo.)		
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023

## FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act allows prosecuting attorneys or circuit attorneys to develop multidisciplinary adult protection teams to investigate, prosecute, treat, and provide services for elderly and other dependent persons who have been abused, neglected, or otherwise exploited. The prosecuting or circuit attorney shall use the team to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of offenses against elderly or vulnerable persons and to supplement any protective services provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Adult protection personnel responding to a report of abuse by a mandated reporter shall contact the local law enforcement agency upon receipt of a report involving a potential crime, provide a detailed description of the report, and request assistance in investigating the complaint. If the local law enforcement agency is unable to assist, the agency shall provide the adult protection personnel with a written explanation within 24 hours. Additionally, the multidisciplinary adult protection team shall accompany the local law enforcement agency when responding to a report alleging criminal activity to provide protective or preventive social services.

The act includes provisions for coordination and non-duplication of services between other offices and departments. This act specifies that certain information obtained or created by the multidisciplinary adult protection teams shall be confidential and not public records, with exceptions as described in the act. Any person participating in good faith in any action or omission authorized or required under this act shall be immune from civil or criminal liability that may result by reason of such action or omission.

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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# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
St. Louis County Police Department
St. Louis County Department of Justice Services
Springfield Police Department

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