

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3781S.01I  
 Bill No.: SB 882  
 Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Governor & Lt. Governor; Military Affairs; National Guard; Professional Registration and Licensing; State Departments; Veterans  
 Type: Original  
 Date: February 22, 2022

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to military affairs.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Veterans Commission Capital Improvements Trust	Less than (\$105,650)	Less than (\$105,650)	Less than (\$105,650)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>Less than (\$105,650)</b>	<b>Less than (\$105,650)</b>	<b>Less than (\$105,650)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### MISSOURI ORANGE HEART MEDAL (SECTION 41.589)

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Office of the Adjutant General (DPS-OTAG)** state this proposal will potentially have a fiscal impact of \$1,000 - \$450,000 to the Veteran Recognition Fund, depending on the number of approved applicants. The estimated cost per medal and postage is \$10.00.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor (GOV)** state this section authorizes the Governor, upon recommendation from the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, to create the Missouri Orange Heart Medal to be presented to individuals in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and subsequently affected by Agent Orange during their military service. Dependent on the number of qualifying recipients of this award and cost per medal, there may be additional costs required by the Governor’s Office as a result of this measure.

**Oversight** notes OTAG, for reference, stated the following number of medals have be awarded (as of December 15, 2021) to veterans for military service:

Korea:	18,586
Vietnam:	31,695
Desert Storm/Shield:	608
Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn:	590

Oversight also notes expenditures (from the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund) for such Veterans Recognition programs (including WWII) in the Office of the Adjutant General for the past three years has been:

FY 2019	\$209,323
FY 2020	\$ 88,020
FY 2021	\$ 62,381

Oversight could not find information regarding the percentage of Vietnam veterans that were exposed to Agent Orange. Oversight will assume not all Vietnam veterans who received a Vietnam campaign ribbon (§41.588) will also apply for a Missouri Orange Heart Medal. Also, Oversight will spread the fiscal impact of the new medal over three years. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential cost of Less than \$105,650 ( $\$10 \times (31,695 / 3)$ ) per year for this new medal.

INFORMATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCIES FOR VETERANS  
(SECTION 42.051)

Officials from the **Office of Administration (OA)** state this requires a slight change to wording on forms. However, the time to make such change is expected to be minimal.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** deferred to the Office of Administration.

SCHOOL CHOICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (SECTION 167.020)

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

**Oversight** received no responses from school districts or charter schools related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. Oversight will assume the proposal will not have a material fiscal impact on schools.

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING INFORMATIONAL WEBPAGE FOR  
MILITARY MEMBERS (SECTION 324.001)

Officials from **the Department of Commerce and Insurance** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning** deferred to the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Legislation as a whole:

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Corrections, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety, Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Ethics Commission, Missouri Department of Transportation, Office of the State Public Defender, Missouri Lottery Commission** and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** notes 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 the 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND</b>			
<u>Cost – DPS – OTAG - §41.589 – Missouri Orange Heart Medal</u>	Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u>	Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u>	Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE VETERANS COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND</b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u></b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u></b>	<b>Less than <u>(\$105,650)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act modifies and establishes provisions relating to military affairs, including the Missouri Orange Heart Medal, information of services of state agencies for veterans, school choice for students of military families, and professional licensing informational webpage for members of the military.

#### MISSOURI ORANGE HEART MEDAL (SECTION 41.589)

The Governor is authorized, upon recommendation of the Adjutant General, to present the Missouri Orange Heart Medal to individuals who were members of the Armed Forces that served in the Vietnam Conflict, and were subsequently affected by exposure to Agent Orange during their military service. Not more than one Missouri Orange Heart Medal shall be awarded or presented to any one person and nor shall the Missouri Orange Heart Medal be awarded to or retained by any person who separated from service under dishonorable conditions. The Missouri Orange Heart Medal may be presented to the surviving primary next of kin in the event of death of any individual subsequent to his or her service who would be entitled to the Missouri Orange Heart Medal.

#### INFORMATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCIES FOR VETERANS (SECTION 42.051)

Currently, every state agency is required to ensure that any new or modified form used to collect data from individuals include questions to identify veterans and provide information and assistance to any requesting veterans. This act modifies the questions to include immediate family members. Additionally, this act provides that the Governor may maintain a website consisting of the information provided to veterans and immediate family members of veterans from any state agency.

#### SCHOOL CHOICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES (SECTION 167.020)

If the parent or legal guardian of a pupil is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the parent or legal guardian may register the pupil with the school district and the school in the school district of the parent's or legal guardian's choice if certain documentation is provided. Unless otherwise required by law, this act shall not require a school district to provide transportation services to a pupil registered in a school district chosen by a parent or legal guardian if the pupil would not otherwise be registered in the school district and school in the school district according to current law.

#### DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING INFORMATIONAL WEBPAGE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS (SECTION 324.001)

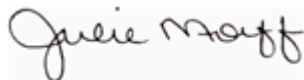
This act requires that the Division of Professional Licensing shall maintain an easily accessible webpage containing the Division's rules, regulations, and procedures related to the professional licensing of members of the Armed Forces of the United States, honorably discharged veterans, and spouses of such members or veterans.

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

Office of the Adjutant General  
Office of the Governor  
Office of Administration

Department of Mental Health  
Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Department of Economic Development  
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety  
Department of Social Services  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
Missouri Ethics Commission  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Missouri Lottery Commission  
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