

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4387S.01I  
Bill No.: SB 757  
Subject: Dentists; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Department of Health and Senior Services; Mental Health; Nurses; Physicians  
Type: Original  
Date: February 22, 2022

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to medical student loan programs.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

§§191.500, 191.515, 191.520, 191.525, 335.230, and 335.257 – Medical student loan program

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state this proposal would not create a fiscal impact.

**Oversight** contacted DHSS officials for more information regarding their response. DHSS officials stated this proposal adds the practitioners to the statute who are already defined in the regulation (PRIMO – 19 SCS 10-4.010 and NLS – 19 CSR 10-6.010) and the amounts that students may qualify for are also currently in the regulation.

**DHSS** also stated this act also modifies the Nursing Student Loan Program by modifying the amount of financial assistance available to students from \$5,000 each academic year for professional nursing programs to \$10,000 each academic year and from \$2,500 each academic year for practical nursing programs to \$5,000 each academic year (increasing the amount given to each eligible student utilizing the current fund and appropriated amount).

Finally, **DHSS** also stated this act modifies the Nursing Student Loan Repayment Program by removing the June and December deadlines for qualified employment verification while retaining the requirement that such employment be verified twice each year. Simply changing the regulations from specified months each year to twice a year allows DHSS to remain in compliance if it is off a month checking for compliance.

According to the submitted budget books, **Oversight** notes the following budget authority and expenditures for the PRIMO program over the past three years:

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Budget Authority (all funds)	\$2,915,434	\$2,995,292	\$3,298,929
Actual Expenditures	<u>\$2,726,907</u>	<u>\$2,961,261</u>	<u>\$3,245,230</u>
Unexpended funds	\$ 188,527	\$ 34,031	\$ 53,699

Appropriation authority (10.745) for PRIMO for FY 2022 includes:

From General Revenue	\$378,750
From DHSS federal fund	\$425,000
From Health Access Incentive Fund	\$650,000
From Prof. & Practical Nurse (0565)	\$650,000
From DHSS donated fund	\$956,790
TOTAL	\$3,060,540

Based on responses from the Department of Health and Senior Services, **Oversight** will assume the proposal will not create a material fiscal impact to the state.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** state the proposed legislation could have a positive impact for the University of Missouri. The University currently has 1,300 students which would qualify for this program. The impact amount cannot be determined.

Officials from **Missouri State University** state this bill has a positive fiscal impact of an undetermined amount.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance**, the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**, the **University of Central Missouri** and **St. Charles Community College** each assume the proposal will have no 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 agencies.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2023 (10 Mo.)	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<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 modifies provisions of current law relating to the medical student loan program administered by the Department of Health and Senior Services by adding psychiatry, dental surgery, dental medicine, or dental hygiene students to the list of eligible students in the program, as well as adding psychiatric care, dental practice, and dental hygienists to the definition of "primary care". Additionally, this act modifies the loan amount students may be eligible to receive from \$7,500 each academic year to \$25,000 each academic year.

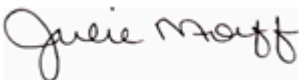
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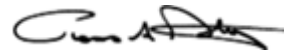
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
University of Missouri System  
Missouri State University  
University of Central Missouri  
St. Charles Community College



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