

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3858S.03T  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SB 1135  
Subject: Children and Minors; Courts; Family Law; Drunk Driving/Boating; Victims of Crime  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to child maintenance orders for certain persons convicted of driving while intoxicated.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue	(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §454.1050 - "Bentley and Mason's Law"

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state the Truly Agreed and Finally Passed SS for SB 1135 bill would have an impact on Show-Me Courts and possibly other systems. It is estimated the fiscal impact would be \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to develop a new Child Support module. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

**Oversight** has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present the fiscal impact of this proposal as provided by OSCA.

Officials from the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)** state MOPS provides training and continuing legal education to Missouri's elected prosecuting attorneys and assistant prosecuting attorneys. Each year, MOPS reviews criminal justice-related legislation enacted by the General Assembly and incorporates those statutory changes into training materials and legislative update presentations provided at statewide conferences and other continuing legal education programs.

To implement the provisions of this legislation, MOPS staff will be required to review the enacted statutory language, analyze the changes for purposes of criminal enforcement and charging decisions, update training materials and presentations, and then deliver the new information to law enforcement officers and prosecutors across the state.

MOPS anticipates that implementation of this legislation would require a modest amount of staff time to review and incorporate the statutory changes into existing training materials. The cost associated with this activity is unknown but expected to be minimal.

MOPS notes, however, that each legislative session produces numerous changes to criminal statutes that must be reviewed and incorporated into statewide training materials. While the fiscal impact of any individual bill is minimal, the cumulative effect of multiple statutory changes is not insignificant.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Oversight assumes the costs associated with this proposal can be absorbed within current funding levels and will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Department of Corrections, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Department of Social Services, Office of the State Public Defender, University of Missouri System, Northwest Missouri State University, and the University of Central Missouri** 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.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other colleges and universities and circuit court clerks were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. 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. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost – OSCA (\$454.1050) New child support module p.3</u>	(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act establishes "Bentley and Mason's Law". Under this act, if a person is convicted of, pled guilty to, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to the offense of driving while intoxicated or driving with excessive blood alcohol content, such offense caused the death of a parent or guardian, and a surviving parent or guardian files a petition to receive child maintenance from the convicted person, such person shall pay, pursuant to a court order, child maintenance to the child of the deceased parent or guardian in an amount and duration as specified in the act.

If the person ordered to pay child maintenance is unable to make maintenance because such person is imprisoned or otherwise confined, then the person shall have up to one year after release from incarceration to begin payment, including any arrearage.

If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action and obtains a judgment against the person prior to any child maintenance order under this section, no maintenance shall be ordered. If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil action after maintenance is ordered, the maintenance order shall offset the judgement. If the surviving parent or guardian obtains a payment from any motor vehicle liability insurer relating to the death of the parent or parents, then the maintenance order shall be offset by the amount obtained from the insurer. No funds received from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund shall result in a reduction of a child maintenance order under this act.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
Department of Corrections  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol  
Department of Social Services  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services  
University of Missouri System  
Northwest Missouri State University  
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