

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6122H.02T
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed HCS for SB 1470
Subject: General Assembly; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies duties and functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§2.040, 2.050, 2.060, 3.010, 3.110, 3.125, 3.140, 3.142, 23.010, 23.020, 23.040, 23.050, 23.060, 23.070, 23.080, 23.090, 23.140, 23.150, and 23.195 – Functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Legislative Research-Office of the Revisor** stated for changes to section 3.142, the amount eligible to remain in the statutory revision fund after a sweep would increase from double the cost of publishing a supplement, \$400,000, to double the cost of a general republication of statutes, \$600,000. It is estimated that the timeline for the fund to reach that \$600,000 cap would be beyond the next five years.

The current cost of publishing a supplement is approximately \$200,000, leaving \$400,000 in the statutory revision fund after a potential sweep. As of 12/31/25, the statutory revision fund has a balance of \$365,099.33, a difference of \$34,900.67 until funds would be eligible to be swept.

For fiscal year '24-'25, the statutory revision fund had a net gain of \$8,384.36.

The Office of the Revisor assumes that the current approximate net income from the sale of statutory supplements will remain at \$8,300 annually. It is also presumed that double the cost of publishing a statutory supplement will remain at approximately \$400,000. With those assumptions, it will take a little more than 4 years for this legislation to result in a positive increase of approximately \$8,300 per year to the statutory revision fund.

In the case that any extraordinary expenses must be paid from the statutory revision fund, it could take much longer for this legislation to result in any increase. The only presumed increase beyond that would be in the event of a general republication of the Missouri Statutes, but the increase in that case is currently unknown.

Oversight notes that currently §2.050 states printed copies of laws, resolutions, constitutional amendments and measures are made available at no cost to members of the General Assembly, certain judicial entities, and certain law enforcement entities. This act repeals this provision and provides that such copies shall be available for sale by the Joint Committee.

Oversight notes §3.130 was revised in 2010 and states “The revisor of statutes shall distribute the copies, in either version or combination, at the price determined by the committee under section 3.140.” Therefore, Oversight assumes this provision is clean up language to match current practices and will not reflect an impact in the fiscal note.

Oversight notes when the Committee sells copies of the revised statutes, §3.140 provides that the money received shall be deposited in the Statutory Revision Fund, rather than the General Revenue Fund. Oversight notes that §3.142 established the Statutory Revision Fund and in which

shall receive funds paid to the revisor of statutes for sales of the revised statutes of Missouri or any supplement thereto, whether in printed, electronic, magnetic, or other form and funds received for any other service for which there is a fee charged by the committee on legislative research. Therefore, Oversight assumes this provision is clean up language to match current practices and will not reflect an impact in the fiscal note.

Oversight notes if there is no appropriation for the printing of supplements, then the cost shall be paid by the Statutory Revision Fund (1546). The below reflects the fiscal year end balance of the fund for the past five years according to the Office of the State Treasurer:

Fiscal Year	Balance
2025	\$359,767.64
2024	\$352,262.00
2023	\$361,740.10
2022	\$350,798.28
2021	\$351,588.98

Oversight notes §3.142.2 states any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of any biennium not to exceed twice the cost of providing the general republication of the revised statutes of Missouri is exempt from the provisions of section 33.080 relating to transfer of unexpended balances to the ordinary revenue fund. Oversight notes this allows the Statutory Revision Fund to maintain a higher balance prior to the biennium sweep to general revenue fund. Oversight does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this provision.

Officials from the **Legislative Research-Office of the Revisor** state changes to section 23.010 reduces the number of members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research from 20 to 12 would presumably cut the amount of expenses paid for members to sixty percent of the current expenditures. Over the last five years the expenses for committee members have totaled \$3,662.07, an average of \$732.41 per year. This change is estimated to save \$292.96 per year, saving \$1,464.80 over the next five years.

Oversight assumes the above savings from the reduction in the number of members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research is negligible and will not reflect this amount in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Oversight Division** state the following:

Section 23.140 requires Oversight staff to prepare a post-implementation fiscal note on legislation that has been enacted and fully implemented for two years. Oversight assumes this would be done during the interim. Typically, Oversight prepares sunset reports, program evaluations (if requested), the bond indebtedness report, as well as agency and staff training during this time. The number of required sunset reports vary by year. Oversight anticipates conducting 4 sunset reports during FY 2027 interim and 12 sunset reports during the FY 2028 interim.

While the sunset language for the public hearings has been eliminated, the actual reports themselves are not eliminated in this language. Therefore, the Oversight Division will still be required to do the reports.

This legislation appears to remove the requirement for program evaluations of agencies under certain circumstances.

Oversight assumes it could potentially absorb the cost of the post-implementation fiscal notes if the number of sunset reports is minimal. However, Oversight assumes it may be necessary to hire additional staff depending on the scope of the post-implementation fiscal notes in addition to the other duties required of Oversight. This potential cost will not occur until FY29. Therefore, Oversight will not reflect an impact on the fiscal note but reserves the right to request additional funding through the appropriation process.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Revenue, Office of Administration, Office of the State Treasurer, Office of the State Auditor, Missouri House of Representatives, and Missouri Senate** each assume the proposal will have no 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 these agencies.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note 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 its 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 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act modifies the duties and functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research. The Committee is required to provide copies of all laws in a web-based electronic format, in addition to the current paper copies that must be made available. Currently, printed copies of laws, resolutions, constitutional amendments and measures are made available at no cost to members of the General Assembly, certain judicial entities, and certain law enforcement entities. This act repeals this provision and provides that such copies shall be available for sale by the Joint Committee. When the Committee sells copies of the revised statutes, this act provides that the money received shall be deposited in the Statutory Revision Fund, rather than the General Revenue Fund.

Currently, the revised statutes of Missouri are printed only upon the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly. This act repeals the requirement of adopting a concurrent resolution. Instead, if an appropriation is made for the republication of the revised statutes, the General Assembly must adopt a concurrent resolution for such republication. If there is no appropriation for the printing of supplements, then the cost shall be paid by the Statutory Revision Fund. The printing and publication of the revised statutes may, rather than shall, be obtained through the state director of the Division of Purchasing. This act provides that the moneys in the Statutory Revision Fund shall be used for costs associated with the general republication of the revised statutes and its annual supplements if no specific appropriation is provided by the General Assembly.

The act modifies the membership of the Committee. The President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Appropriations Committee chair, the House Budget Committee chair, the minority leaders of both houses, plus additional appointees by the majority and minority parties, shall constitute the membership of the Committee.

Upon request, rather than written request, of the Committee, the Committee shall draft revision bills and any resolutions or amendments directly related to any revision bill or the duties and functions of the Committee.

Currently, employees of the Committee must refrain from opposing or supporting legislation, but may assist members as to bills, resolutions and measures. This act repeals this provision. The Committee shall, rather than may, obtain information about the functioning of any state agency. Personally identifiable information obtained from an agency may be excluded from information provided by the Committee to members.

The Committee shall have thirty, rather than ten, days after the convening of a general assembly to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. The Committee shall regularly meet at least twice a year, instead of at least every three months.

The act adds language to provide that the Committee shall be charge and control of the Oversight Division within the Committee.

Upon the request of the Director of the Committee, this act authorizes the State Auditor to provide assistance in the preparation of fiscal notes.

The staff of the Oversight Division shall prepare a post-implementation fiscal note for any legislation that has been enacted and fully implemented for two years. The purpose shall be to compare the estimate of the fiscal note relating to the final enacted version of the legislation to the actual experience after the legislation was implemented.

The act repeals a provision of law that authorized the Committee to create a subcommittee to supervise the personnel and practices of the Oversight Division. Currently, the Oversight Division shall conduct program evaluations of state agencies. This act repeals the words "of state agencies". The act repeals provisions of law relating to program evaluations.

Finally, this act repeals a provision of law that required the Committee to hold public hearings on programs set to sunset.

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 Revenue
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Missouri House of Representatives

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