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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 7298S.01I
Bill No.: SB 1708
Subject: Health Care; Medicaid/MO HealthNet; Public Assistance; Department of Social Services
Type: Original
Date: May 12, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal repeals the expiration date for the Ticket To Work Health Assurance Program.

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
Premium Fund	$1,000,000	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	**$1,000,000**	**$1,200,000**	**$1,200,000**

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

§208.146 - Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

However, if the program expiration is not extended, there will be a loss of revenue to the state. Individuals would no longer pay a premium for Ticket to Work which would result in a loss of revenue to the state of approximately $1.2 million per year (premiums go to the Premium Fund (0885). Individuals no longer paying premiums would continue to be covered for Medicaid benefits through a different eligibility group or spenddown.

Oversight obtained additional information from DSS regarding costs associated with the Ticket to Work program. The Ticket to Work program cost the DSS $65,451,021 in SFY 2025 for the premium program and $35,725,828 in SFY 2025 for the non-premium program. During SFY 2025, approximately 1,489 individuals participated in the premium program and 672 in the non-premium program.

Oversight assumes this bill will remove the expiration date of August 28, 2025, for the Ticket to Work program and will, therefore, present premiums collected by the Ticket to Work program of $1.2 million annually to the Premium Fund (1885). Oversight assumes there may be costs associated with this program up to $44 million; however, Oversight is unable to determine whether the individuals would be covered through a different eligibility group or spenddown as stated by DSS above. Therefore, Oversight will reflect DSS' assumption that individuals no longer paying premiums would continue to be covered for Medicaid benefits through a different eligibility group or spenddown.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
PREMIUM FUND (1885)			
Revenue Loss – DSS/MHD (§208.146) Ticket to Work premiums p.3	$1,000,000	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE PREMIUM FUND	**$1,000,000**	**$1,200,000**	**$1,200,000**

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	$0	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, the "Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program" expired on August 28, 2025. This act repeals that expiration date.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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