

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0116-03
Bill No.: Perfected SCS for SB's 26 and 126
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Veterans
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	(\$32,085)	(\$11,824)	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$32,085)	(\$11,824)	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Department of Elementary and Secondary** stated, in responses to similar proposals, that there could be costs to the State Board of Education and school boards to issue diplomas; however, they do not expect costs to so great that the State Board and the districts could not absorb the costs.

Officials of the **Department of Public Safety - Veterans' Commission** anticipated a one-time cost of \$8,000 to help eligible veterans to locate information needed to validate claims for diploma.

Officials of the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri National Guard (MNG)** noted that about 438,000 Missourians served during World War II and 124,500 veterans of World War II are living in Missouri. They anticipate that some would not have proof of military service and would therefore need verification from the Office of the Adjutant General, which, under sections 41.170 and 41.180, RSMo, is required to maintain war records for Missouri citizens' entry service. They would not anticipate the addition of World War I veterans as eligibles for or the awarding of posthumous diplomas to materially affect the administrative effect on their office.

MNG officials anticipate needing two Clerks II for one year (September 2001 to September 2002) who would research war records, verify honorable service and certify veteran status.

Oversight assumes that the Adjutant General will verify military service, when verification is required. Oversight has also adjusted fringe benefits to account for the temporary status of the employees.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Department of Public Safety:</u>			
Missouri National Guard			
Personal Service (1.67, .33 FTE)	(\$26,856)	(\$10,918)	\$0
Fringe Benefits	(\$2,229)	(\$906)	\$0
Expense and Equipment	<u>(\$3,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Administrative Cost MNG	(\$32,085)	(\$11,824)	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would allow the State Board of Education or a school board to award an honorary high school diploma to any honorably discharged Missouri World War I or World War II" veteran who:

- 1) actively served in the armed forces between April 6, 1917, and December 31, 1921 or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946;
- 2) attended high school in Missouri but left before graduating to serve in United States armed forces; and
- 3) did not receive a high school diploma.

A veteran could apply to the State Board of Education or to a school board in the district where the veteran attended school. A veteran who would die between the time of applying for a diploma and its award could receive the diploma posthumously. Family members and next of kin of deceased veterans could apply for posthumous award of diplomas.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. The proposal would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Public Safety
Missouri National Guard - Office of the Adjutant General
Veterans' Commission



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