

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1344-01  
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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Conservation, Office of the State Courts Administrator, Office of Prosecution Services, Department of Public Safety - Divisions of Liquor Control, Fire Safety, Office of the Adjutant General, Capitol Police,** and the **Director's Office** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In response to a similar proposal from last session, officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Peace Officer Standards and Training** assumed this legislation would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health** state that this proposal would not affect them because curriculum for domestic violence and family violence training for peace officers has already been implemented. No new duties for DOH would occur.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender** assumes that existing staff could provide representation for those cases arising where indigent persons were charged with a B Misdemeanor for fraudulently holding a peace officers commission. However, passage of more than one similar bill would require the State Public Defender System to request increased appropriations to cover cumulative cost of representing the indigent accused in the additional cases.

Officials from the **Jefferson City Police Department** assume that while there would be savings in their general revenue funded expenditures. The amount of that saving would be dependent on levels and availability of training. This varies during fiscal years. If enacted, they would be able to increase training for other employees.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimates the division could require approximately 32 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$27.00 per page, and 48 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$23.00 per page. Costs due to this proposal would be \$1,968, however, the actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rule-making authority and may be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS does not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal; however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations

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related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** states the legislation addresses the level of certified training requirements for peace officers, certified reserve officers, & reserve officers.

The DNR states that their state park rangers are currently responsible for meeting the 470 hour training requirement pursuant to section 590.105.1. RSMo. Therefore, this legislation does not fiscally impact their department.

The legislation requires the DNR to notify, within 30 days, the POST Commission of all departures from employment of commissioned peace officers, indicating in certain situations.

The legislation requires any applicant to a certified law enforcement training center to submit fingerprints and an authorization for a criminal history background check, including FBI records. The cost of the criminal history check may be borne by the applicant. The DNR already incurs the cost of the criminal background checks when sending applicants to the peace officer certification program.

**Oversight** assumes for purposes of this fiscal note that if local law enforcement offices elected to pay for additional training required under this proposal for certification, there would be unknown costs to local governments. However, these costs would likely be minimal since the proposal appears to allow payment by local governments for additional training costs only if excess funds are available and appears to allow a county of the third classification to adopt an order or ordinance approving certification with only one hundred and twenty hours of training.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$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 revises the training and certification requirements for peace officers, certified reserve officers and reserve officers. Any excess funds resulting from the one dollar surcharge collected in criminal cases, payable to the Peace Officers Standard and Training Fund (POST), shall be used to pay for additional training of peace officer or other local law enforcement personnel. The proposal adds new definitions to distinguish between peace officers and reserve officers.

Commissioned peace officers must hold valid peace officer licenses. The Director of the Department of Public Safety shall establish classes of peace officers, some which may not be valid for commission within certain counties or by certain agencies. The proposal lists exceptions to licensing requirement, such as persons with no power of arrest. POST shall establish minimum standards for basic training and qualifications. A license shall automatically expire if the licensee fails to hold a commission for a period of five consecutive years.

The act requires peace officers to have 470 to 600 hours of training, with exceptions including: 1) up to 1000 hours may be required for commission by state agency;  
2) persons validly licensed on effective date of section;  
3) peace officers certified and commissioned in a third class county before July 1, 2002 (120 hours, if adopted by political subdivision). Basic training of every peace officer shall include at least 30 hours of training regarding domestic violence cases. The POST commission shall establish continuing education requirements.

The POST commission shall also establish minimum training standards for instructors and training centers. The Director shall license instructors and curricula. The proposal requires fingerprinting of all academy applicants, in order to conduct a criminal history check.

Each law enforcement agency shall notify the Director within 30 days after commissioning any peace officer. The Director may require criminal background check. The Director shall be notified within 30 days after any licensed peace officer ceases to be commissioned, including whether it was due to a violation of law or regulations, or a failure to meet minimum qualifications.

The proposal lists grounds for discipline of a license, including probation, suspension or revocation, and procedure for review before Administrative Hearing Commission. The proposal allows immediate suspension when any licensee has endangered the public, and provides due

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process for the officer. An applicant may be denied for the same reasons as listed for revocation or suspension.

No arrest shall be deemed unlawful solely due to licensure status of peace officer, and evidence regarding licensure cannot be received in any civil or criminal case. Records of applicants or licensees shall be closed to the public, other than name, licensure status and commissioning or employing agency. In any investigation or hearing pursuant to Chapter 590, RSMo, the Director may discover any records relating to applicant or licensee, regardless of any statutory or common law privilege.

It shall be a Class B misdemeanor to hold a commission without a valid license, or to violate any provision of Chapter 590, RSMo. Any law enforcement agency that commissions a peace officer in violation of Chapter 590, RSMo, shall not be eligible to receive state or federal funds for training of peace officers or for any other criminal justice purpose.

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

Missouri Department of Conservation  
Department of Health  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Department of Public Safety  
Department of Natural Resources  
Jefferson City Police Department

**NOT RESPONDING:**      **St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Kansas City Police  
Boone County Sheriff, Johnson County Sheriff, Jackson  
County Sheriff, St. Louis County Sheriff**



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