

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5202-01
Bill No.: HB 1823
Subject: Economic Development Dept.; Licenses - Professional
Type: Original
Date: April 11, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of the Governor, Missouri Senate, and Office of State Treasurer** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** state having reviewed the proposed legislation and having sought the conclusion of the appropriate board(s), they are of the opinion the proposal, in its present form, has no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** state the proposal will reduce four sets of boards into two. The AGO assumes that because of the changes in this proposal, its staffing requirements would either stay the same or may decrease over time. Therefore, the AGO assumes this proposal creates no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state the proposal eliminates the Committee for Professional Counselors and the State Committee for Family and Marital Therapists and combines their functions into the Board of Counselors and Therapists. The Board of Counselors and Therapists shall promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this proposal. These rules would be published in both the Missouri Register and Code of State Regulations.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

These rules may require as many as 36 pages in the Code of State Regulations and 54 pages in the Missouri Register because of cost statements and fiscal notes, etc. that are not repeated in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27. The SOS estimates a total cost of \$2,214 [(54 pgs. X \$23) + (36 pgs. X \$27)]. These costs are estimates and depend on the number of rules printed, rescinded, and amended.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal abolishes the Committee for Professional Counselors and the State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists and combines the two committees to become the Board of Counselors and Therapists. The Board of Counselors and Therapists Fund is created for the deposit of all moneys collected by the board.

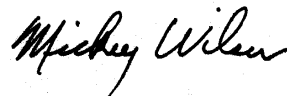
The proposal also allows professional counselors licensed in other states to apply for licensure in Missouri without examination if the applicant has had no disciplinary action taken against his or her license in the past five years and has met all eligibility criteria established by the American Association of State Counseling Boards or its successor organization.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

Office of Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Economic Development -
 Division of Professional Registration
Office of the Governor
Missouri Senate
Office of Secretary of State
Office of State Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
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