

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3294-03
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1442
Subject: Professional Registration and Licensing; Fees
Type: Original
Date: February 12, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal adds provisions relating to professional licensure.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State Committee of Psychologist Fund (0580)	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 324.035- Professional Registration Fees

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** do not anticipate any fiscal impact from the provisions of the bill. The division believes offering training helps keep licensees compliant with laws and regulations. As an example, the state's Committee of Psychologists saw a tangible decrease in complaints after offering continuing education (CE) course for licensees. Should the number of complaints and investigations rise, the department may need to request additional appropriation and FTE through the budget process.

Oversight notes that the DCI has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Sections 337.020 and 337.029 - Psychologist Licenses

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** assume this proposal removes language that was inadvertently left in a bill that passed in 2018. Currently, the State Committee of Psychologists' license processing time is being extended by the inadvertent language. This additional time and effort is increasing the committee's costs.

DCI estimates 20 applications a year are processed and not approved, which would be a \$3,000 per year loss of income to the State Committee of Psychologist Fund for work done to process applications.

If the proposed legislation does not pass and the increased costs remain, the State Committee of Psychologists will need to increase their fees to correlate with the increased processing time and effort. The proposed legislation itself will cause not fiscal impact to the department, but prevent future costs to committee licensees.

Oversight will assume a range of fiscal impact to the State Committee of Psychologist Fund from \$0 (removing this fee exemption will impact behavior and will result in fewer non-qualified applications from being submitted) to an additional annual revenue of \$3,000 (non-qualified applications will still be submitted but will be charged the application fee regardless of being approved or not).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Missouri Senate**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Department of Social Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** state this legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Oversight assumes JCAR will be able to administer any rules resulting from this proposal with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** and the **Office of the Governor** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND			
Revenue - application fee from non-qualified applicants	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits any licensure board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration from using any occupational fees for the purpose of offering continuing education classes.

Under current law, any person seeking to obtain a license as a psychologist shall make an application to the State Committee of Psychologists and shall pay the required application fee. The Committee is not permitted to charge an application fee until such time as the application has been approved, and if an application is denied, no application fee shall be charged. This act repeals such provision.

Current law permits a psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction to receive a license in Missouri, provided the psychologist passes a written exam on Missouri law and regulations governing the practice of psychology. Such person must also meet one of several listed criteria set forth under current law. This act removes one listed criteria allowing a psychologist who is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction that is then a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement to be eligible for a license in Missouri.

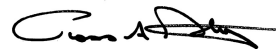
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Commerce and Insurance
Missouri Senate
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Mental Health



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