

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3294-03  
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 1442  
Subject: Professional Registration and Licensing; Fees  
Type: Original  
Date: March 11, 2020

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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    |
|  |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>General Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

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

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2021  | FY 2022  | FY 2023  |
|   |          |          |          |
|   |          |          |          |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>FTE</b>          | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

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

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                              | FY 2021    | FY 2022    | FY 2023    |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

## 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 **Office of the Governor**, 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 **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**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 require additional resources.

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.

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| FISCAL IMPACT - State Government | FY 2021<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
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**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**

|                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>\$0 to \$2,500</b> | <b>\$0 to \$3,000</b> | <b>\$0 to \$3,000</b> |
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| FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government | FY 2021<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
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| <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |
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**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.

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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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