

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5217H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 2517  
Subject: Health Care Professionals; Higher Education  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the health professional student loan repayment program.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
General Revenue	Up to (\$1,093,566)	Up to (\$1,096,674)	Up to (\$1,098,308)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>Up to (\$1,093,566)</b>	<b>Up to (\$1,096,674)</b>	<b>Up to (\$1,098,308)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§191.600 and 191.603 - Provisions relating to the health professional student loan repayment program

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the proposed amendment to §191.600 would add the health professions of psychologist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, and marital and family therapist to the Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

The Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH) would anticipate an increase in application submissions should this bill pass. One (1) FTE Public Health Program Specialist would be required to handle the increased number of applications and to work with federal partners to add the additional disciplines to the program's eligibility. The salary for this position would be \$52,975, reflective of the average salary of a Public Health Program Specialist in DHSS and would be funded through general revenue.

Additionally, a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation does not exist for some of the proposed professions; therefore, an unknown amount of funding for the repayment program would need to come from general revenue. Currently, an average of 23 awards are provided annually through the repayment program. If an additional 20 awards were made to the additional disciplines, the program would require \$1,000,000 in GR to fund those awards.

**Oversight** does not have information to the contrary. However, Oversight assumes the DHSS would not need additional rental space for 1 FTE. Oversight notes, depending on the number of proposals passed during the legislative session that, cumulatively, DHSS may need additional rental space or capital improvements as determined by the Office of Administration, Facilities Management, Design and Construction.

**Oversight** notes the number of additional awards is unknown. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the fiscal impact of the additional awards as "Up to (\$1,000,000)" as provided by DHSS for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance** and the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs – DHSS (§191.600 and §191.603) p. 3</u>			
Personnel Service	(\$44,146)	(\$54,034)	(\$55,115)
Fringe Benefits	(\$29,627)	(\$35,963)	(\$36,382)
Expense & Equipment	(\$19,793)	(\$6,677)	(\$6,811)
<u>Total Costs - DHSS</u>	<u>(\$93,566)</u>	<u>(\$96,674)</u>	<u>(\$98,308)</u>
FTE Change	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<u>Costs – DHSS (§191.600 and §191.603) Expansion of the loan program p. 3</u>	<u>Up to (\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$1,000,000)</u>	<u>Up to (\$1,000,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>Up to (\$1,093,566)</u></b>	<b><u>Up to (\$1,096,674)</u></b>	<b><u>Up to (\$1,098,308)</u></b>
Estimated Net FTE Change on General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This legislation adds the health professions of psychologist, professional counselor, clinical social worker, and marital and family therapist to the Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). (§§191.600 and 191.603)

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

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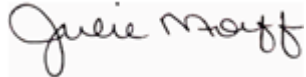
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