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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4752-01
Bill No.: SB 980
Subject: Licenses - Professional; Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Nurses
Type: Original
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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.
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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 **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration** state having reviewed the proposal 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 **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state the Professional Nursing Student Loan program has a much higher rate of non-compliance than the Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO) student loan program, largely due to the differences in forgiveness methodologies. PRIMO allows forgiveness on a year-for-year basis so that the number of loans received by an individual determines the forgiveness period.

This proposal would allow regulatory changes to make the Nursing Student Loan program more consistent with the PRIMO loan program. The results of the change would increase the compliance rate of the program and reduce the time and effort necessary to manage the program, but would have no significant, direct fiscal impact on the DOH.

<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

Under current law, student loans are available to students who have applied to be a full-time nursing student. This proposal redefines eligible student so that only students who have been accepted as full-time nursing students are eligible for the loans. Under current law, 25% of the loan is forgiven for each year of full-time employment as a licensed nurse. This proposal allows for forgiveness of all of the financial assistance in the event of full-time employment.

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 Economic Development -
Division of Professional Registration
Department of Health and Senior Services



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