

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1254-03
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SCS for HB 326
Subject: Licenses - Professional; Insurance - Medical
Type: Original
Date: May 28, 2009

Bill Summary: Modifies provisions relating to certain mental health professionals.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Department of Conservation, Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Director's Office, Missouri Department of Transportation, and Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** state the proposal would not place any obligation or requirement on the DMH that would create a fiscal impact.

Officials from the **DPS - Missouri State Highway Patrol (MHP)** defer to the Missouri Department of Transportation for response regarding the potential fiscal impact of this proposal on their organization.

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

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** state the bill modifies the definition of "clinical social work" by adding community organization, planning, and evaluation to the list of activities that a clinical social worker engages in. The bill also prohibits government entities, public or private agencies, and organizations in the state from using the commonly used abbreviations for social worker designations to refer to volunteer or employment positions unless the volunteers or employees in those positions meet the criteria set forth in the licensing law.

The bill does not make any change to Section 337.603(2), which states that the social worker licensing requirements do not apply to, "The practice of any social worker who is employed by any agency or department of the state of Missouri while discharging the person's duties in that capacity." Since state employees remain exempt from licensing laws, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Section 376.811 of the proposal states every insurance company, health services corporation, and health maintenance organization doing business in Missouri is required to offer in all health insurance policies, benefits or coverages for recognized mental illness, excluding chemical dependency. Such coverage must include at least two sessions per year with a psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor or licensed clinical social worker. This proposal extends this requirement to include licensed marital and family therapists. This provision will have no fiscal impact on the DOS because the required number of visits is unchanged; it just adds another type of provider as an option.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

The proposal may positively impact small business marital and family counselors.

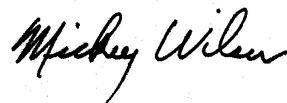
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Department of Mental Health
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Transportation
Department of Public Safety -
 Director's Office
 Missouri State Highway Patrol
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan
Missouri Department of Conservation



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