

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0368-02
Bill No.: SB 154
Subject: Licenses - Professional; Administrative Law; Insurance Department; Health Care Professionals
Type: Original
Date: January 15, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes licensure requirements for music therapists.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(\$35,120)	(\$38,583)	(\$32,046)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$35,120)	(\$38,583)	(\$32,046)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	1	1	1
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	1	1	1

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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** state that this legislation will require a board to license music therapists. There are fees for this licensure in the language, however, it is not indicated how the fee will be determined or who will collect it. The board assumes it will need to receive funding from General Revenue in order to license these individuals.

The department also states that based on information received from a representative of the group seeking legislation, it is estimated that approximately 135 individuals in the State of Missouri will be required to be licensed. In addition, a 3% growth has been estimated. The following board-specific expenses are being calculated to determine the additional appropriation needed by the division to support the board.

- Staffing - Processing Technician I needed to provide technical support, process applications, and respond to inquiries related to the law and/or rules and regulations.
- Printing and Postage - Expenses for the first year include printing of rules, applications, letterhead and envelopes, as well as costs associated with mailings for initial licensure. Subsequent year's printing and postage is based on a board of similar size (Board: Endowed Care).
- Licensure System - During the first year of implementation, costs are calculated for the design, program, and implementation of the licensure program for the new board.
- Complaints and Investigations - Based on the board of similar size, it is estimated the board will receive complaints starting in FY 17, approximately 10 annually.
- Maintenance - Boards within the division incur division-wide expenses based on licensee averages, in addition to the department and Office of Administration cost allocation plans.
- Revenue - There are fees for this licensure in the language, however, it is not indicated how the fee will be determined or who will collect it. The board assumes it will need to receive funding from General Revenue in order to license these individuals.
- Funding - It is assumed that funding would need to come from General Revenue to pay for the expenses related to licensure.

Oversight assumes there will be a fee of \$50 per applicant. At 135 applicants the fee revenue will be approximately \$6,750 in FY16, a 3% growth in FY17 for \$200, and renewal biennially of \$7,150 in FY18.

This proposal could increase total state revenue.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Revenue - DIFP</u>			
Licensing Fees	\$6,750	\$200	\$7,150
<u>Costs - DIFP</u>			
Personal Service	(\$19,700)	(\$23,876)	(\$24,115)
Fringe Benefits	(\$10,245)	(\$12,417)	(\$12,541)
Equipment and Expenses	(\$11,048)	(\$1,591)	(\$1,619)
Other Fund Costs	<u>(\$877)</u>	<u>(\$899)</u>	<u>(\$921)</u>
<u>Total Costs - DIFP</u>	<u>(\$41,870)</u>	<u>(\$38,783)</u>	<u>(\$39,196)</u>
FTE Changes - DIFP	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$35,120)</u>	<u>(\$38,583)</u>	<u>(\$32,046)</u>
Estimated Net FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal provides that after January 1, 2017, no person shall use the title "music therapists" or practice music therapy without a license. The Director of the Division of Professional Registration shall issue the license to applicants who hold a degree in music therapy from an approved program, have completed clinical training, passed an examination offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, and submit an application. A license shall be renewed biennially upon the payment of a renewal fee, proof of maintenance of the applicant's status as a board certified music therapist, and proof of completion of at least forty hours of continuing education.

Until January 1, 2020, the Director shall waive the examination requirement for an applicant who is a board certified music therapist or a registered music therapist and in good standing with the National Music Therapy Registry.

The proposal also establishes the Music Therapy Advisory Group which shall consist of five members appointed by the Director who shall serve without compensation. The Advisory Group may facilitate the development of materials that the Director may use to educate the public concerning music therapists licensure. The Advisory Group shall also provide an analysis of disciplinary actions at least once a year.

The Director may issue a sanction for certain conduct specified in the proposal, and may investigate allegations of such conduct. Sanctions imposed by the Director include suspension, revocation, denial, refusal to renew a license, probation, reprimand, or a fine not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars for each violation.

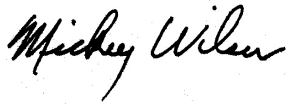
This act is identical to HB 189 (2015).

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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