

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0840-01
Bill No.: SB 204
Subject: Mental Health; Professional Registration and Licensing; Psychologist
Type: Original
Date: February 7, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to psychologist licensees.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
State Committee of Psychologist Fund (0580)	Up to \$5,000	Up to \$6,000	Up to \$6,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	Up to \$5,000	Up to \$6,000	Up to \$6,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Sections 337.020 and 337.029

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** 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. DIFP estimates 40 applications a year are processed and not approved, which would be a \$6,000 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 no fiscal impact to the department, but prevent future costs to committee licensees.

Oversight will assume removing this fee exemption may impact behavior and result in fewer non qualified applications from being submitted. Therefore, Oversight will reflect up to \$6,000 of additional annual application fee revenue to the State Committee of Psychologist Fund.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND			
<u>Loss - applications fee for those not approved</u>	<u>Up to \$5,000</u>	<u>Up to \$6,000</u>	<u>Up to \$6,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND	<u>Up to \$5,000</u>	<u>\$0 or \$6,000</u>	<u>Up to \$6,000</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<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 bill allows the Committee on Psychologists to charge an application fee for psychologist licensure at the time the application is received. Currently, law prevents the committee from charging a fee unless the application is approved.

This bill also removes a provision allowing a psychologist who is licensed in another state and is currently licensed in another jurisdiction who is a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement to receive 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 Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration



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