

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3182-04
Bill No.: SCS for SB 689
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils; Department of Commerce and Insurance; Licences, Miscellaneous; Fees; Professional Registration and Licensing; Psychologists
Type: Original
Date: February 14, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to licensing requirements for certain professionals.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State Committee of Psychologist Fund (0580)	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0 to \$2,500	\$0 to \$3,000	\$0 to \$3,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 324.035- Professional Registration Fees

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** do not anticipate any fiscal impact from the provisions of the bill. The division believes offering training helps keep licensees compliant with laws and regulations. As an example, the state's Committee of Psychologists saw a tangible decrease in complaints after offering continuing education (CE) course for licensees. Should the number of complaints and investigations rise, the department may need to request additional appropriation and FTE through the budget process.

Oversight notes that the DCI has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Sections 337.020 and 337.029 - Psychologist Licenses

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** 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.

DCI estimates 20 applications a year are processed and not approved, which would be a \$3,000 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 not fiscal impact to the department, but prevent future costs to committee licensees.

Oversight will assume a range of fiscal impact to the State Committee of Psychologist Fund from \$0 (removing this fee exemption will impact behavior and will result in fewer non-qualified applications from being submitted) to an additional annual revenue of \$3,000 (non-qualified applications will still be submitted but will be charged the application fee regardless of being approved or not).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
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**STATE COMMITTEE OF
 PSYCHOLOGIST FUND**

<u>Revenue</u> - application fee from non-qualified applicants	<u>\$0 to \$2,500</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE
 STATE COMMITTEE OF
 PSYCHOLOGIST FUND**

	<u>\$0 to \$2,500</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

his act modifies provisions relating to licensing requirements for certain professionals.

Under this act, no board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration shall utilize occupational fees, or any other fees associated with licensing requirements, for the purpose of offering continuing education classes. Any board, commission, or committee within the Division shall not contract or partner with any outside vendor or agency for such purpose.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to preclude a board, commission, or committee within the Division from utilizing occupational licensure fees for the purpose of participating in conferences, seminars, or other outreach for the purposes of communicating information to licensees with respect to changes in policy, law, or regulations.

Under current law, any person seeking to obtain a license as a psychologist shall make an application to the State Committee of Psychologists and shall pay the required application fee.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The Committee is not permitted to charge an application fee until such time as the application has been approved, and if an application is denied, no application fee shall be charged. This act repeals such provision.

Current law permits a psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction to receive a license in Missouri, provided the psychologist passes a written exam on Missouri law and regulations governing the practice of psychology. Such person must also meet one of several listed criteria set forth under current law. This act removes one listed criteria allowing a psychologist who is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction that is then a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement to be eligible for a license in Missouri.

Current law requires each licensed psychologist applying for a renewal of a license to submit proof of the completion of at least 40 hours of continuing education credit within the two-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for renewal.

Under this act, a minimum of three of the 40 hours of continuing education shall be dedicated to professional ethics.

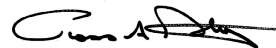
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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