

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3291-01  
Bill No.: SB 637  
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils; Counseling; Licenses;  
 Miscellaneous; Mental Health; Professional Registration and Licensing;  
 Psychologists  
Type: Original  
Date: January 2, 2020

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

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
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
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 to \$2,500</b>	<b>\$0 to \$3,000</b>	<b>\$0 to \$3,000</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### 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 no 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).

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Social Services** and the **Department of Health and Senior Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes that the above mentioned agencies have 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue - application fee from non-qualified applicants</u>	<u>\$0 to \$2,500</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>	<u>\$0 to \$3,000</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$2,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$3,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to \$3,000</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
	<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

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. 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.

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 Commerce and Insurance  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Health and Senior Services



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