

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2635S.01I  
 Bill No.: SB 670  
 Subject: Social Workers; Professional Registration and Licensing  
 Type: Original  
 Date: April 19, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to social worker license reciprocity.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<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 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Social Worker Fund*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

\*Oversight assumes a cost of less than the \$250,000 threshold.

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</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 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</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 \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

**Section 337.615 – 337.665 - Social Work Licensure Compact**

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance** state it is uncertain if the compact would be enacted in FY2024, FY2025 or FY2026. Once the compact is enacted, the Committee for Social Workers would be required to pay fees charged to member states including an annual assessment to cover costs of operations and activities of the compact commission. Costs are unknown at this time.

Since the compact will only be effective once seven states have enacted legislation to join the compact, **Oversight** will reflect a \$0 (the compact is not enacted) to an unknown cost less than \$250,000 to the Social Worker Fund (0574).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>SOCIAL WORKER FUND (0574)</b>			
<u>Cost – DCI §§337.615 – 337.665</u> Compact Cost	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE SOCIAL WORKER FUND (0574)</b>	<b><u>\$0 or</u></b> <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or</u></b> <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or</u></b> <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business**

A direct fiscal impact to social workers could be expected as a result of this proposal.

**FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

This bill allows any person who holds a valid current social worker license issued by another state, a branch or unit of the military, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who has been licensed for at least one year in that location, to apply for a social worker license in Missouri.

The State Committee for Social Workers can waive any examination, educational requirements, or experience requirements for the licensure if the State Committee for Social Workers determines that the applicant has met the minimum education and work experience in the other territory.

The State Committee for Social Workers will not waive the requirements if: (1) The applicant had his or her license revoked by an oversight body; (2) The applicant is currently under investigation; (3) The applicant has a complaint pending; (4) The applicant is currently under administrative disciplinary action; (5) The applicant does not hold a license in good standing with an oversight body outside of Missouri; or (6) The applicant has a criminal conviction that would disqualify him or her for licensure in Missouri. This bill establishes the "Social Work Licensure Compact". The Compact allows a social worker who meets the eligibility requirements to receive an expedited license. A social worker may renew his or her expedited license as a member of the Compact.

The Compact establishes a confidential database of all social workers who have been granted an expedited license or who have applied for an expedited license, for the purpose of allowing member states to report disciplinary or investigatory information. Member states may participate in joint investigations of social workers with other member states, and any disciplinary action taken by one member state may subject the social worker to discipline by other member states. If a social worker's license is revoked, surrendered, or relinquished in one state, the social worker's multistate authorization to practice in all other member states will be deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the multistate license.

The Compact establishes the "Social Work Licensure Compact Commission" to act as a corporate and joint agency of the member states and to oversee and maintain administration of the Compact. The Compact outlines procedures for any member state that fails to perform its obligations under the Compact. The Compact will only be effective once seven states have enacted legislation to join the Compact. The Compact outlines the procedure to withdraw from the Compact. The Compact supersedes all other laws that conflict with provisions of the Compact

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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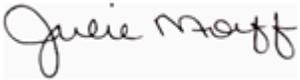
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