

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4519-01  
Bill No.: HB 1919  
Subject: Economic Development Dept; Licenses - Professional; Mental Health  
Type: Original  
Date: March 6, 2002

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Board of Counselors and Therapists Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration (DPR)** indicated that this proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency. DPR did state that over a period of time costs for marital and family therapists may be reduced which would allow for the license fees for marital and family therapists to also be reduced.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor, Department of Mental Health, Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission, Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of State Treasurer, Department of Insurance,** and the **Department of Social Services** stated that this proposal would have no effect on their agencies.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)** assumed the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration, Board of Counselors and Therapists could require as many as 32 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in the Code. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. The actual costs could be more or less the SOS's estimated cost of \$1,968 for FY 2003. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>BOARD OF COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS FUND</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - Decreased costs due to committees merging	\$0	\$0	Unknown
<u>Loss</u> - Reduced fee income due to decreased costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON BOARD OF COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses could be affected by potential decreases in licensing fees.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation contains provisions regarding professional counselors and marital and family therapists. The proposal:

- (1) Dissolves the Committee for Professional Counseling and the Committee for Marital and Family Therapy and places both professions under the State Board of Counselors and Therapists, which is created within the Division of Professional Registration;
- (2) Contains provisions pertaining to the appointment of the board, including qualifications, terms, compensation, powers, and duties;
- (3) Creates the Board of Counselors and Therapists Fund;
- (4) Requires all rules adopted by the board to be approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules;

DESCRIPTION (continued)

- (5) Allows the division to promulgate rules for initial licensure and renewal, fee collections, conduct of examinations, investigation procedures, competency standards, reciprocity, ethical standards, and exemptions; and
- (6) Repeals and reenacts sections pertaining to marital and family therapists in order to bring those sections under the newly formed board.

The provisions of this proposal will become effective upon the initial appointment of all members of the board or July 1, 2004, whichever occurs first.

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 Economic Development  
    Division of Professional Registration  
Department of Mental Health  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Secretary of State  
    Administrative Rules Division  
Office of Administration  
    Administrative Hearing Commission  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Office of State Treasurer  
Department of Insurance  
Office of the Governor

#### **Not Responding**

Office of Senate Administration



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