

HF269 - 0 - Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Health Related Boards	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Total	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Health Related Boards						
Expenditures	26	36	36	36	36	36
Absorbed Costs	(26)	(36)	(36)	(36)	(36)	(36)
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) is an agreement between member states designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries without having to become licensed in additional member states. Psychologists licensed in their home state which is a member of PSYPACT will be able to practice into other member states via the two Authorizations (Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology and/or Temporary Authorization to Practice) issued by the Commission. The purpose of PSYPACT is to increase public access to needed psychological services by increasing access to care and providing mechanisms for continuity of care all while ensuring a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines. PSYPACT also promotes cooperation between member states in the areas of licensure and regulation.

Assumptions

The bill establishes an interjurisdictional psychological practice compact between the state of Minnesota and other member states of the compact.

Expenditures: It is estimated that staff needed to run the program will be a part time Office and Administrative Specialist. This position is needed to develop the Board of Psychology’s interface with the Psychology Interstate Compact Commission (Commission) designated to oversee the board’s part of the compact process. The board currently has an appropriated unfilled OAS position that could be used for this work.

Additionally, Article X F(3) requires the home state to pay fees to the Commission for operation. The Commission fees will be \$10 per psychologist who lists Minnesota as their home state with a cap on fees at \$6,000 per year. Only doctoral level psychologists are eligible for the E. Passport issued by the Commission. The Board has roughly 2,700 doctoral level licensed psychologists. If just over 22% of eligible licensed psychologists list Minnesota as their home state, then the board would pay the capped maximum fee of \$6,000. The Board would assume these fees under its current operations.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Expenditures:

The board will absorb these costs.

Description	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Total Direct Appropriated Expenses					
PT Salaries (0.5 OAS)	20,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Fees paid to the Compact Commission	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Direct Appropriated Expenses	26,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Because licensure is required, we anticipate that numbers will increase in the future.

Local Fiscal Impact

The impact on local government is unknown.

References/Sources

Board data related to other regulated professions.

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