



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 156

Committee: County and Municipal Government Sponsor: Senator Chris Elliott

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Senate Bill 156 as reported by the Committee on County and Municipal Government, establishes an Occupational Licensing Board Division within the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing oversight and regulation of certain occupational licensing boards, of which the oversight and regulation includes, but is not limited to the following: 1) establishing rules for the examination and licensure of applicants; 2) establishing standards for determining fee amounts; and 3) providing uniformity in the collection of fees, fines and other monies for deposit.

According to the office of the Secretary of State, the cost for administrative personnel, office space and website development is an estimated minimum of \$2.7 million in the first year and an estimated minimum of \$2.6 million each year thereafter. Also, the obligations of the office would be increased further, by an undetermined amount, dependent upon the number of special agents hired to investigate and enforce the provisions of this bill, plus any associated equipment (vehicles, etc.) needed. However, any increased obligations would be offset, in whole or in part, by the amount retained as collection fees for use in defraying the cost of operations.

In addition, this bill requires all license fees collected, less the Division's cost of collection, to be deposited into the State General Fund, and requires all other fees, fines and monies collected by the boards to be deposited into a common fund of the Division to the credit of the respective board.