

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 804 - HB 904

March 30, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the condition that an applicant's one-year internship in psychology include at least 1,900 hours at a site where health services are normally provided, for the internship to fulfill the prerequisite to be a licensed psychologist with a health service provider designation.

Authorizes the Board of Examiners in Psychology (Board) to designate as a health service provider a person who has held a valid license or certificate in another state to practice psychology for at least 10 years within the last 15 years preceding the date of application, and whose previous license or certification meets certain requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$24,300/Each FY23-24 and FY24-25/

Board of Examiners in Psychology

\$36,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/

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Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners in Psychology had an annual surplus of \$68,247 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$57,979 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,251,007 on June 30, 2022.

Assumptions:

- The licensure fee for out-of-state applicants will be \$485.
- Pursuant to board rule 1180-02-.03(12), the Board may grant reciprocity to an applicant requesting licensure who holds a valid license in good standing in another jurisdiction and meets certain criteria.
- Applicants from other jurisdictions are currently eligible to apply for licensure with a health service provider designation in this state.
- The proposed legislation would allow practitioners in other jurisdictions who do not currently hold a valid license, but have done so in 10 out of the last 15 years, to be eligible to apply to be designated as a health service provider.
- It is estimated that there will be approximately 50 applicants each year, resulting in an increase in state revenue of \$24,250 (\$485 x 50) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

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- The licensure renewal fee will be \$235 and licenses will be renewed every two years; therefore, a recurring increase in state revenue of \$11,750 ($\235×50) in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- The total recurring increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$36,000 ($\$24,250 + \$11,750$) in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- It is assumed that the Department of Health and Board can accommodate the proposed legislation within existing resources.
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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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