



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2296 - SB 2399

March 4, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014962): Requires the Board of Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists (Board) to license without examination a marital and family therapist applicant who is licensed to practice independently in another state if the applicant's qualifications meet the licensure requirements in this state. Removes the authorization for the Board to license by endorsement an applicant who is a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Authorizes the Board to enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other state that licenses marital and family therapists.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 63-22-103(a), the Board may license without examination a marital and family therapist applicant who is licensed in another state if the applicant's qualifications meet the licensure requirements in this state.
- The proposed legislation is not estimated to have a significant impact on the number of licensed therapists in the state, or the amount of licensing fees collected by the Board.
- It is unknown which other states, if any, will choose to enter into reciprocal agreements for licensure marital and family therapists.
- The Board currently has a reciprocal agreement with Kentucky for licensed professional counselors. It is assumed that the Board can enter into any other reciprocal agreements utilizing existing resources, without an increase in expenditures.
- The Department of Health and the Board can promulgate rules to implement the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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