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LB 817

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$6,600	\$7,500	\$3,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$6,600	\$7,500	\$3,000	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill creates the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act. Under the act, psychologists could apply for a certificate to prescribe, discontinue, administer and provide samples of psychotropic medication. The Prescribing Psychologist Advisory Committee is created.

The estimated cost additional board meetings of the Board of Psychologists and for the Prescribing Psychologist Advisory Committee would be \$6,600 in FY 21 and \$3,000 in FY 22. The costs would be paid from fees. Estimated revenue from the certificates is \$7,500 in FY 21. Additional staff time can be absorbed with existing staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 817 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with DHHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact.		

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2020-2021</u>		<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$6,600	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$6,600	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 817 creates the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act. The act establishes a prescription certification that applies to licensed Psychologists. LB 817 also creates an advisory committee. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will be required to make major rule and regulations changes.

This estimate includes \$100 of travel and lodging and a \$50 per diem per day for five (5) Prescribing Psychology Advisory Committee (PPAC) members and for seven (7) Board of Psychology members. This estimate is based on the PPAC meeting in conjunction with the Board of Psychology. Estimate applies to an additional two (2) meetings for the Board of Psychology.

The estimated number of meetings required is six (6) for the first year of enactment and four (4) in subsequent years. The first year includes extra meetings in order to develop and draft new regulations. These meetings would also include DHHS staff time and resources. The Department of Health and Human Services will absorb staff time associated with development and adoption of new rules and regulations as follows:

Title	Hours	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
Director	4	74.28	\$ 297
Deputy Director	4	53.48	\$ 214
Administrator I	4	30.82	\$ 123
Program Specialist	8	22.52	\$ 180
Program Analyst	16	21.91	\$ 351
Attorney III	30	33.82	\$ 1,015
Total Absorbed Cost	66		\$ 2,180

DHHS estimates the cost of reimbursements and per diem for board and committee members as follows:

Prescribing Psychologist Advisory Committee:

First year: \$150 x 5 members x 6 meetings = \$4,500

Subsequent years: \$150 x 5 members x 4 meetings = \$3,000

Board of Psychology:

First year only: \$150 x 7 members x 2 meetings = \$2,100

Estimated Cost:

FY 2020-2021 \$7,500

FY 2021-2022 \$3,000

Estimated Cash Revenue: In order to recoup the first year costs upon initial issuance and to allow for shared administrative and staff costs, the estimated fee would be approximately \$75 each. This fee falls within similar professions that authorize a licensee to possess add on certificate. The current certificate fees are no more than \$75 each. Currently, there are 552 licensed Psychologists with a Nebraska license. This estimate is based upon 75 of these as currently qualified to apply for the certificate and another 25 licensed Psychologists applying for certification. Therefore, this estimate is based on the fee being established at \$75 each and approximately 100 certificates being issued the first year.

Estimated Revenue: 100 applicants x \$75 fee = \$7,500

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
PERSONAL SERVICES:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2020-2021 EXPENDITURES	2021-2022 EXPENDITURES
	20-21	21-22		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$6,600	\$3,000
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$6,600	\$3,000