

Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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LRB Number **01-3155/1** Introduction Number **AB-367**

Subject

Dentists' licenses, the practice of dental hygienists, providing educational loan assistance to dentists and dental hygienists, and requiring various plans and reports related to dentistry

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
 - 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

LRB 3155/1 expands the physician and health care provider loan assistance programs to include dentists and dental hygienists. Under the draft, Commerce will repay student loans for physicians, health care providers, dentists, and dental hygienists who agree to practice in a federally-designated underserved area for a period of three years. Physicians and dentists are eligible for repayments of up to \$50,000, and health care providers and dental hygienists are eligible for repayments of up to \$25,000.

The draft adds dentists and dental hygienists to the list of eligible providers covered by the program; it does not add spending authority to fund awards to these new providers. The appropriation from which the awards are made is currently funded at \$388,700 each year. In FY01, Commerce has made six physician awards and one health care provider award. In FY00, Commerce made six physician awards and two health care provider awards. In FY99, Commerce made two physician awards and one health care provider award (fewer awards were made because the federal matching grant required funds to be encumbered up front). Coverage of dentists and dental hygienists will therefore result in fewer awards being made to physicians and health care providers.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications