

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DSPS 12/19/2023

LRB Number	23-5024/1	Introduction Number	AB-0668	Estimate Type	Original
Description licensure of dental therapists; extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from rule-making procedures; and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides for the licensure of a third type of dental practitioner, dental therapists, who are health care practitioners who may engage in the limited practice of dentistry. Under the bill, the board must grant a dental therapist license to an individual who satisfies certain criteria, including completion of a qualifying dental therapy education program and passage of required examinations.

Under the bill, dental therapists may provide dental therapy services only as an employee of specified employers and only under the supervision of a dentist who is either similarly employed or who directly employs the dental therapist. The dental therapist must also have a collaborative management agreement with a dentist that addresses various aspects of the dental therapist's practice and supervision. Dental therapists are subject to the terms of a collaborative management agreement and what was covered in their dental therapy education program, limited to providing services, treatments, and procedures that are specified in the bill, as well as additional services, treatments, or procedures specified by the board by rule. Dental therapists may initially provide dental therapy services only under the direct or indirect supervision of a qualifying dentist. Once a dental therapist licensed has provided dental therapy services for at least 2,000 hours, the dental therapist may provide services under the general supervision of a qualifying dentist. However, the level of supervision for a dental therapist may be further limited under the terms of a collaborative management agreement. Dental therapists must also, under the bill, either 1) limit their practice to federally defined dental shortage areas or 2) practice in settings where at least 50 percent of their patient base consists of certain specified populations. Dental therapists must complete 12 hours of continuing education each biennium.

The bill subjects dental therapists to, or covers dental therapists under, various other laws, including the health care records law, the volunteer health care provider program, the health care worker protection law, and the emergency volunteer health care practitioner law. The bill also provides for loan forgiveness for dental therapists under the health care provider loan assistance program.

DSPS estimates a total of \$54,100 in one-time costs and \$24,700 in annual costs for staffing and an indeterminate IT impact to implement the bill. Implementation of the bill will create an estimated 100 additional credentials issued and an estimated \$3,000 in revenue annually. The estimated one-time staffing need for 1.0 limited term employees (LTE) is for legal review, staff training, and forms and sites updates. The estimated annual staffing need for 0.7 full time employees (FTE) is for responding to inquiries, investigating complaints, reviewing applications, and prosecution of cases. The one-time and annual estimated costs cannot be absorbed in the currently appropriated agency budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): One-time costs: \$54,100 total - \$46,600 in salary and fringe and \$7,500 in supplies and services		
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$21,200	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	(0.7 FTE)	
State Operations - Other Costs	3,500	
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$24,700	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS (PRO)	24,700	
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS (PRO)	3,000	
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$3,000	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$24,700	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$3,000	\$
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