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### Standard Budget Adjustments and Medical Examining Board Positions (Safety and Professional Services)

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#### CURRENT LAW

Base funding for the Medical Examining Board general program operations appropriation is \$1,835,000 PR and 16.93 PR positions, which includes 2.0 project positions, scheduled to be deleted on June 30, 2011.

#### GOVERNOR

Provide \$114,000 PR and annually to extend 2.0 PR project positions that were approved under 2009 Act 28. The Governor's recommendation would extend these positions to the end of the 2011-13 biennium.

#### MODIFICATION

Delete \$114,000 PR and 2.0 PR project positions (1.0 investigator, and 1.0 paralegal) under the Medical Examining Board general program operations annually compared to the Governor's recommendation.

**Explanation:** Under 2009 Act 28, the Legislature administratively split the Medical Examining Board (MEB) functions from the other administrative functions of the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL). Under Act 28, the Legislature approved a total of 16.93 PR position, which included 2.0 project positions. The Legislature approved 2.0 investigator project positions for investigating complaints against medical professions. The Department filled 1.0 project position with an investigator and 1.0 with a paralegal. Under the bill, the Governor would extend these 2.0 PR project positions for an additional two years. The standard practice under standard budget adjustments is to delete expiring project positions as a deletion of non-continuing items. However, under

the bill, the 2.0 PR project positions were not deleted under standard budget adjustments. Therefore, there is a double counting of these positions. The State Budget Office states that it was not their intent to create an additional 2.0 PR project positions and that the positions should have been deleted under standard budget adjustments.

<b>Change to Bill</b>		
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	- \$228,000	- 2.00

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