

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DSPS 6/7/2023

LRB Number	23-1486/1	Introduction Number	AB-0144	Estimate Type	Original
Description preliminary health care credentials granted to previously unlicensed individuals					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to grant preliminary credentials to certain individuals who have recently completed the requirements to obtain a health care credential. Under the bill, DSPS must grant a preliminary credential to an individual who attests to meeting all of the requirements for a corresponding permanent or training credential, including having completed all education, training, supervised experience, and similar requirements within the previous two-year period. The individual must also attest that he or she does not, to the best of his or her knowledge, have a disqualifying arrest or conviction record, and that he or she has been engaged by a health care employer to provide services that are within the scope of the credential that he or she is seeking. Finally, the individual must have also submitted an application for the permanent or training credential that remains pending.

The health care employer must submit to DSPS the employer's national provider identifier and attest to having engaged the individual to provide the aforementioned services. The health care employer must also attest that the individual has, to the best of the health care employer's knowledge and with a reasonable degree of certainty, completed the required education, training, and supervised experience necessary for the corresponding permanent or training credential within the two years preceding the submission of the application for the preliminary credential, has passed required examinations, and has passed a background check performed by the health care employer.

The preliminary credential becomes effective upon the submission of the attestation by the health care employer or on a later date specified therein. The preliminary credential expires on the date that the application for the permanent or training credential is granted or denied. While providing services under a preliminary credential, the person is subject to all responsibilities and limitations of the corresponding permanent or training credential.

All of this work results in the creation of new provisional credentials and related processes for all affected health license types but does not indicate whether fees can or will be charged or adjusted for those seeking the provisional credential while awaiting a decision on a full credential.

DSPS estimates a total of \$30,600 in one-time and \$206,300 in annual costs for staffing and an indeterminate one-time IT impact to implement the bill.

The estimated one-time staffing need for a 0.7 limited term employee (LTE) is for such tasks as amending and/or creating new application forms, working with Division of Enterprise Technology (DET) to update requirements in the credentialing system (LicenseE), updating information on the website, facilitating staff training, and rule review. The estimated annual staffing need for 2.5 full time equivalent (FTE) positions is for credentialing and legal staff to undertake tasks such as reviewing applications, responding to records requests, completing investigations, and responding to inquiries regarding the regulation changes. An indeterminate amount of (DET) hours at \$85 per hour and/ or contractor hours will be required to provide LicenseE updates in conjunction with new statutes and rules. There will be new technology builds required for all affected license types to add a provisional credential option into the LicenseE platform.

The one-time and ongoing estimated costs cannot be absorbed in the currently appropriated agency budget.

There is no estimated local fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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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: \$30,600			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$206,300	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)	(2.5 FTE)	
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$206,300	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS	206,300	
	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		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$206,300	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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