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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 305** HLS 17RS 543

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Louisiana Physical Therapy Board	

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS OR DECREASE SG RV See Note
Provides for the regulation of the practice of physical therapy

Proposed law establishes a maximum continuing education review fee and course sponsor fee to be charged by the board.

In addition, the proposed law authorizes graduates of a foreign physical therapy assistant school and applicants that have completed a U.S. armed services program not accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the board to qualify for a license as a physical therapy assistant.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed law limits the fee that the board can collect from a course sponsor, as this measure establishes a maximum course sponsor fee of \$1,000. The bill does not specify if the maximum course sponsor fee is reset annually. However, it is assumed that this is an annual maximum. Currently, the board charges course sponsors a fee \$100 to review a course that is less than 8 credit hours and \$150 to review a course that is 8 credit hours or more. The bill provides that the fee charged per course may be increased to a maximum of \$250. To the extent that a course sponsor reaches the maximum of \$1,000 in fees, the board can no longer charge the sponsor. Year to date in 2017, the board has collected approximately \$115K in fees from course sponsors. Under this bill, the 2017 collections would have been approximately \$66K, which is a decrease of \$49K.

Also, the proposed law allows graduates of a foreign physical therapy assistant school or applicants that have completed a U.S. armed services program not accredited by a national accreditation agency to qualify for a license as a physical therapy assistant. To the extent that new applicants apply for a license as a result of this measure, the board will collect an application fee of \$250 per applicant. However, it is anticipated that the number of new applicants will be minimal.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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