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Fiscal Note On: **SB 37** SLS 17RS 111
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
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 Proposed Amd.:
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 Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Proposed law provides that the board may charge a hearing fee to include reasonable costs and fees incurred by the board for the hearing or proceedings.

Proposed law provides that board may charge an informal resolution fee, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, to include reasonable costs and fees incurred by the board for a disciplinary action that is resolved by settlement, consent decree, or other informal resolution.

Proposed law provides psychologists who can demonstrate five years of licensed practice as a psychologist in another state, with no disciplinary actions, may qualify to meet one year of post-doctoral experience.

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.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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 is anticipated to result in a minimal increase in self generated revenue for the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. There are three major provisions of this measure.

First, the bill provides that the board may charge a hearing fee to licensees that are facing disciplinary action. The board is already authorized to charge this fee; however, this measure clarifies that the fee should be based on reasonable costs incurred by the board, as defined in the bill. As it the current practice of the board to impose a hearing fee, the net impact of this measure is indeterminable.

In lieu of a formal hearing, a case may be resolved through an informal resolution, such as a settlement or consent decree. To the extent that a case is resolved through an informal resolution, the bill provides that the board may charge an informal resolution fee based on reasonable costs incurred by the board. The board resolves approximately 1.42 cases per year through informal resolutions. Although the board does not currently charge a fee, the average cost incurred by the board to resolve a case through an informal resolution is \$1,282 per case. Therefore, for illustrative purposes, if the board continues to resolve 1.42 cases per year at a cost of \$1,282 each, it is anticipated that the board will generate \$1,820 as a result of this measure.

Finally, the bill provides that five years of licensed practice as a psychologist in another state may substitute for one year of the required postdoctoral experience needed to be licensed to practice as a psychologist in Louisiana. The board indicates that based on applications received in the past, approximately 5 more psychologists per year would qualify for licensure under this measure. This initial cost of licensure is a one time fee of \$325 and an annual renewable fee of \$350, for a total of \$675 per license. Therefore, for illustrative purposes, if the board licenses 5 new psychologists a year as a result of this measure, it is anticipated that the board will generate \$3,375 in fees per year (5 licensees x \$675 fees).

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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