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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 888** HLS 24RS 928

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: April 19, 2024 | 12:23 PM | Author: STAGNI |
| Dept./Agy.: Social Work Licensure Compact Commission | | Analyst: Alison Butts |
| Subject: Multi-State Licensing of Social Workers | | |

SOCIAL WORKER RE SEE FISC NOTE SG EX See Note
Provides relative to the Social Work Licensure Compact

Purpose of Bill: The Social Work Licensure Compact (Compact) bill authorizes Louisiana to join a multi-state program that facilitates interstate licensing for social workers in member states. The Compact will be administered by the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission (Commission), composed of delegates from member states, and will come into existence once the seventh state joins. The bill outlines the powers and duties of the Commission and member states, and provides details on the multi-state licensing program.

Note: Based on information from the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (Board), there are six states that have enacted legislation (Missouri, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Kansas, and Iowa), five are awaiting governor signature of legislation (Georgia, Kentucky, Nebraska, Vermont, and Virginia), and 21 have pending legislation.

| EXPENDITURES | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Annual Total

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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase agency self-generated expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

State Board of Social Work Examiners: A Board official indicated that participation in the Compact may increase board expenditures due, in part, to processing multi-state licenses, investigating complaints, providing required information to the Commission, and contributing to the development and upkeep of the Commission's data system. In addition, this official indicated that travel costs may increase related to sending a delegate to Commission meetings. The overall impact of this bill on Board expenditures, if any, is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of available information, as the Compact and the Commission have not yet been formed.

Louisiana State Police: The bill requires background checks for multi-state licensing applicants, which appears will be performed by the Louisiana State Police. If this bill increases the number of background checks being performed by Louisiana State Police, then state police expenditures could increase depending upon whether this additional workload can be performed using existing resources. The exact amount of this increase, if any, is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of available information.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may have an indeterminable impact on agency self-generated revenue.

State Board of Social Work Examiners: A Board official indicated that 916 current licensees have an address outside of Louisiana. If these licensees choose to stop renewing their licenses due to the availability of a multi-state license, Board revenue could decrease. However, this official indicated that the Board may impose fees for multi-state licenses, which would increase Board revenue, offsetting revenue reductions. The overall impact of this bill on Board revenue, if any, is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of available information, as the Compact and the Commission have not yet been formed.

Louisiana State Police: The bill requires background checks for multi-state licensing applicants, which appears will be performed by the Louisiana State Police. If this bill increases the number of background checks being performed by Louisiana State Police, then state police revenue related to background check fees could increase. The exact amount of this increase, if any, is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of available information.

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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