



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 186** SLS 23RS 213

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact		

HEALTH SERVICES

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Provides relative to the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. (1/1/24)

Proposed law enacts the multi-state Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and authorizes occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states. Proposed law provides for criminal background checks and verification of licensure through a coordinated system. Proposed law creates a commission (Occupational Therapy Compact Commission), and provides for duties and responsibilities of the commission. The commission may levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees. Each member state shall have one delegate on the commission entitled to one vote with regard to rule promulgation and participate in the business and affairs of the commission. Proposed law provides that the compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR expenditures of the Board of Medical Examiners as the interstate commission may levy and collect an annual assessment (to be determined through rulemaking) from each member state to cover administrative and operational expenses of the commission and staff. The aggregate assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission. The Compact has not yet issued an assessment to member states. In addition, each compact state will have a delegate appointed to the compact's commission. Any travel expenses of the delegate to participate in commission business is anticipated to be nominal and reimbursed under state travel guidelines. The compact provides that at least one meeting shall be held per year.

Furthermore, a provision of proposed law requiring occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to undergo a state and federal background check when seeking a compact privilege in another state may increase expenditures in the Department of Public Safety; however, any costs incurred would be defrayed by a \$26 fee collected by DPS for the state background check and a \$2 retainage on fees collected by DPS on the federal background check.

NOTE: The Compact currently has 24 member states. Proposed law will bring Louisiana into compact membership January 1, 2024.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase revenues to the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information Fund by an indeterminable amount as the result of performing state and federal background checks for Louisiana-based occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants seeking a compact privilege. In addition, member states may charge a fee for granting a compact privilege, which would increase SGR revenues by an indeterminable amount to the extent that occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants from other states seek a privilege to practice in Louisiana.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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