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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 57** SLS 24RS 212

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> March 26, 2024 1:15 PM                          | <b>Author:</b> LAMBERT       |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> State Board of Examiners of Psychologists | <b>Analyst:</b> Brian Nevels |
| <b>Subject:</b> Licensed Psychological Associate             |                              |

PSYCHOLOGISTS EG +\$44,925 SG RV See Note  
Provides relative to the practice of psychology. (8/1/24)

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill requires the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) to issue licenses to individuals who meet specific criteria as Licensed Psychological Associates. The bill also provides for qualifications, limitations, and fees associated with licensing.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2024-25         | 2025-26         | 2026-27         | 2027-28         | 2028-29         | 5 -YEAR TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | <b>\$18,566</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$78,566</b> |
| Ded./Other          | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             |
| Federal Funds       | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             |
| Local Funds         | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$18,566</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$15,000</b> | <b>\$78,566</b> |

  

| REVENUES            | 2024-25         | 2025-26         | 2026-27         | 2027-28         | 2028-29         | 5 -YEAR TOTAL    |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | <b>\$32,175</b> | <b>\$37,425</b> | <b>\$40,125</b> | <b>\$42,525</b> | <b>\$44,925</b> | <b>\$197,175</b> |
| Ded./Other          | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              |
| Federal Funds       | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              |
| Local Funds         | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$32,175</b> | <b>\$37,425</b> | <b>\$40,125</b> | <b>\$42,525</b> | <b>\$44,925</b> | <b>\$197,175</b> |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase Board agency self-generated expenditures by \$18,566 in Fiscal Year 2025 and by \$15,000 annually, thereafter.**

A Board official indicated that the Board may incur \$3,566 in expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 to establish rules for Licensed Psychological Associates and \$15,000 in expenditures related to complaint investigations. The rule-making expenditures are based on historical costs associated with previous rule-making activities. The complaint investigation expenditures are based on the estimated increases in Board memberships associated with the new license and legal fees associated with investigations. The Board estimates that they could have three complaint investigations each year for a total cost of \$15,000 (3 cases x \$5,000 cost = \$15,000).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase Board agency self-generated revenue by \$32,175 starting in Fiscal Year 2025, increasing to \$44,925 by Fiscal Year 2029.**

A Board official estimates 117 license applications in Fiscal Year 2025 and 15 more each year thereafter (with a 5% annual drop-off rate). License holders will pay a \$200 application fee and a \$300 renewal fee annually. This official also estimates a cost of \$75 per application for a Jurisprudence Examination administered by the Board. Other exams could be required, such as knowledge-based and skills-based examinations. However, the Board has not determined whether such exams will be required.

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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