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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 539** SLS 14RS 747
Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: DHH, DCFS, Various Boards		
Subject: Provide relative to suicide training for certain professions		Analyst: Alan M. Boxberger

MENTAL HEALTH RE1 SEE FISC NOTE SG EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides relative to suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training for certain professions. (8/1/14)

Proposed law provides that the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), beginning on January 1, 2015, shall make available links to training in suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management on its official website. Proposed law provides that the disciplining authorities over certain professions may, at each board’s discretion, approve the hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, etc. as hours that may count toward meeting any applicable continuing education or continuing competency requirements. Proposed law provides that obtaining training through this means shall not be construed to establish a legal basis for negligence or the standard of care owed to a patient. Proposed law requires the secretary of DHH to develop a list of available training programs and make them available on its official website. Proposed law stipulates that it shall not be interpreted to expand or limit the scope of practice of any profession enumerated therein. Proposed law is effective August 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law provides that DHH shall make available links on its official website to training in suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management. These programs are to be made available to professions among certain state disciplinary boards. These boards, in turn, are provided with the option, at each board’s own discretion to approve the hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, intervention, treatment and management as hours that may count toward meeting any applicable continuing education or continuing competency requirements. DHH reports it is able to accommodate the requirements of proposed law within its existing financial and human resources.

As proposed law is permissive with regard to requirements of suicide and related training by the relevant disciplinary boards, the LFO projects that the expenditure impact will be nominal and insignificant. To the degree that the relevant boards adopt rules or enact practices that integrate suicide training into licensing requirements those boards may realize an indeterminable SGR expenditure impact dependent upon the scope of requirements determined necessary for the relevant professions. Potential costs include monitoring and tracking activities by the boards to ensure compliance with any requirements adopted pursuant to proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

State agencies and disciplinary boards both report that there is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	 Evan Brasseaux Staff Director
☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {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}		