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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6796

BILL NUMBER: SB 172

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2021

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Behavior Analysis Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford J.D.

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds one member to the Behavior Analyst Committee. The bill also requires the State Department of Health (IDOH) to inspect at least one time per year each facility where a licensed behavior analyst practices behavior analysis. It requires the committee to recommend proposed rules to the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana concerning standards for the annual inspections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The IDOH would likely require additional public health nurse surveyors to complete the inspections of licensed behavior analyst facilities required by the bill. If the IDOH hires one to two additional nurse surveyors, total additional personnel costs would be estimated between \$74,400 and \$148,800 based on the average initial salaries of IDOH nurse surveyors and expected employee benefit costs. The additional personnel are not expected to be needed until FY 2024, as the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) is currently in the process of creating the new behavior analyst license and will likely not begin issuing these licenses until the middle of FY 2023 or later. The actual number of additional nurse surveyors needed for inspections will depend on the number of behavior analyst licenses eventually issued by the PLA. [IDOH payroll and employee benefit costs are paid primarily from appropriations to a dedicated agency fund.]

The addition of a Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) employee to the Behavior Analyst Committee is not expected to result in additional PLA expenditures, given that state employee members of the committee are not entitled to a salary per diem. Any additional workload for the PLA or FSSA relating to this committee appointment or the committee's required rule proposals is expected to be minor.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Health; Professional Licensing Agency; Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State staffing tables.

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