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Subject: Authorize fees for State Board of Examiners of Psychologists **Analyst:** Shane Francis

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS EN +\$78,750 SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Authorizes the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to implement fees for certain services

Proposed law directs the LA State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to charge an initial application fee for each assistant to a psychologist that shall not exceed \$50 and to charge an annual renewal in the month of July of each year in the year immediately subsequent to an applicant's initial registration. The renewal fee shall not exceed \$50 for every assistant to a psychologist which shall be paid in accordance to present law.

Proposed law provides that the board shall assess an application and renewal fee to an individual sponsoring a continuing professional development course or activity and who wishes for the board to review and pre-approve the course or activity. Further provides the application and renewal fee shall not exceed \$250. Renewal or pre-approval of a continuing professional development (CPD) course or activity shall not exceed \$25. The fee shall only apply if credit is awarded for the course. The board may also assess a fee not exceeding \$200 for special services such as but not limited to (a) Application for authority to conduct tele-supervision, (b) Application for an inactive license or renewal license status and (c) Application for emeritus status and renewal.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$393,750
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	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$78,750	\$393,750

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.


REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation authorizes the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LBEP) to charge new fees which will increase SGR collections up to an additional \$78,750 per fiscal year. Proposed legislation creates new fees by introducing capped amounts LBEP can charge up to, though it is at the discretion of LBEP to submit exact fee numbers to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission for approval. LBEP claims they do not intend to charge up to the cap introduced by the new fees in proposed legislation, though maximum values are used for illustrative purposes. To the degree that fees chosen through the rule-making process are beneath the caps introduced in proposed legislation, estimated revenue decreases proportionally. Below are the introduced fees alongside the number of predicted applicants:

- (1) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Preapproval Applications: 200*\$250= \$50,000
 -\$50,000 is presumed based on 1/3 of total revenue for CPD Sponsor preapprovals observed by the Physical Therapy Board, which has three times as many licensees and requires the same number of CPD hours.
- (2) CPD Licensee Preapproval: 35*\$25 = \$825
 -Of 700 licensees, roughly 5% (35) seek CPD Licensee preapproval per year.
- (3) Telesupervision Authority Application: 25*\$25 = \$625
 -Data based on applications LBEP received FY 20 and FY 21
- (4) Initial Registration of Unlicensed Assistants: 25*\$50 = \$1,250
 -LBEP anticipates 25 new registrants of unlicensed assistants annually
- (5) Annual Renewal of Registration of Unlicensed Assistant: 420*\$50 = \$21,000
 -LBEP cites a 2019 survey where 1/6 of LA licensees report the use of 70 assistants, thus 70*6=420
- (6)* Inactive Status and Renewal: 0*\$200 = \$0
- (7)* Emeritus (fully retired): 0*\$200 = \$0

* NOTE: LBEP reports that the number of applicants seeking inactive or renewal status, as well as Emeritus status, is indeterminable, although a nominal amount of revenue will be generated as a result of this change.

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}</p>	<p><u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>
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