

STATE OF KANSAS

DIVISION OF THE BUDGET
LONDON STATE OFFICE BUILDING
900 SW JACKSON STREET, ROOM 504
TOPEKA, KS 66612



PHONE: (785) 296-2436
FAX: (785) 296-0231
LARRY.CAMPBELL@KS.GOV

GOVERNOR JEFF COLYER, M.D.
LARRY L. CAMPBELL, CHIEF BUDGET OFFICER

February 14, 2018

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 386 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 386 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, an individual may be licensed as a Professional Counselor or Clinical Professional Counselor through the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board upon meeting certain requirements that include obtaining a graduate degree in Counseling from a college or university approved by the Board. SB 386 would modify this requirement so that licensees may obtain a graduate degree in Counseling or a related field. The bill clarifies that the degree must include 45 graduate semester hours of counseling coursework. The bill also includes amendments that are technical in nature.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimates the enactment of SB 386 would increase annual revenues from licensing fees by approximately \$1,000 beginning in FY 2019 because more individuals would meet the requirements to be licensed as a Professional Counselor or Clinical Professional Counselor. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 386 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Max Foster, Behavioral Sciences