

February 26, 2020

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2603 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2603 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2603 would amend licensure requirements for clinically licensed marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, masters level psychologists, and addiction counselors by reducing the number of hours required for supervised practice from 4,000 to 3,000 hours and the number of hours required for direct supervision from 150 to 100 hours. The bill would clarify that direct supervision hours must be face-to-face. The bill would also amend eligibility requirements by allowing the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board to consider disciplinary action on any type of license held in another state and authorize disciplinary action against any person who has violated any lawful order or directive of the Board previously entered by the Board.

HB 2603 would strike language allowing individuals who have earned a doctoral degree in addiction counseling or related field to complete at least one year of postgraduate supervised professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan approved by the Board in lieu of other requirements. This language would be replaced with a provision authorizing the Board to waive one-half of the required hours for individuals who have earned a doctoral degree in addiction counseling or a related field approved by the Board and who complete the required one-half of the hours in at least one year of supervised professional experience. The bill also would include technical amendments.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates any fiscal effect would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Max Foster, Behavioral Sciences