

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 176 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 176 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 176 would modify requirements for professions licensed by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board as follows:

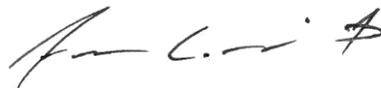
- Lower the time required for practice in another jurisdiction from 48 or 54 months to 12 months for licensees applying for reciprocity;
- Increase the time period for certain temporary licenses from one year up to two years which would make all temporary licenses last two years;
- Create a new temporary license with a statutory cap of \$75 for certain social work applicants who receive education from programs that are in candidacy from a national accrediting body;
- Create a new student temporary license with a statutory cap of \$100 for applicants seeking to obtain necessary coursework for a permanent addiction counseling license;
- Create a pathway for current licensees to be able to request additional time to complete continuing education hours under a showing of extenuating circumstances;
- Decrease the license reinstatement cost for individuals previously licensed by the Board whose license has been expired for at least one year;

- Create a new six-month reinstatement temporary license with a statutory cap of \$50 which could be offered to individuals who had not completed continuing education hours for a permanent license to be fully reinstated;
- Require Board-approved supervisors for the social work profession;
- Decrease the required number of continuing education hours required in diagnosis and treatment from six to three hours and adding a new requirement for three hours in diversity training for all licensees, beginning July 1, 2025;
- Change the license standard for psychology applicants from good moral character to merit the public trust;
- Increase the membership of the Board from 12 to 13 members to add a Governor-appointed representative for the behavioral analyst profession; and
- Modify disciplinary action for the behavior analyst profession including language authorizing reinstatement of a license.

The bill would include technical changes.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimates the enactment of SB 176 would increase fee revenue to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board Fee Fund by \$9,178, of which \$918 would be remitted to the State General Fund. The Board estimates the bill would also increase annual expenditures by \$4,000 for the new member's payments and mileage reimbursements. In addition, the Board indicates the bill would increase time spent by staff processing applications for licensure, but the increase could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 176 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: David Fye, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board