

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5847-02  
Bill No.: #HB 1803  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary  
Type: #Corrected  
Date: March 7, 2012  
#Correct Bill Number

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Bill Summary: This proposal specifies the requirements for certification of school social workers.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Licensed Social Workers Fund*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds*</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Offsetting Income and Costs

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
 This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)** stated this proposed legislation is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to JCAR beyond its current appropriation.

According to officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the proposal. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal with core funding. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume this proposal would require the updating of the Educator Certification database, as well as establishing a new assignment area for a supervisor. DESE would also be required to develop professional standards. The fiscal impact would be minimal.

DESE assumes there would be a concern in regard to the fiscal impact on school districts because they would now be required to hire a certificated social worker, place him/her in PSRS instead of PEERS (which is about a 6% difference in contribution rate), place him/her on the school's salary schedule, and afford him/her tenure. DESE defers to school districts regarding the extent of such costs.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement** assume this proposed legislation will not affect retirement plan benefits as defined in §105.660.

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration (DIFP)** state this proposed legislation requires the State Committee for Social Work to issue certificates and collect a fee which will require additional work for the committee. DIFP believes that this can be done with a minimal fee charge and no additional FTE; however, if the work is more extensive than expected additional expenses and/or FTE will be requested through the budget process.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Parkway School District** state the their social workers are already certificated and even with the retirement system issue there would be minimal impact to Parkway, since there would be no Social Security contributions.

**Oversight** assumes the fee income generated by this proposal will offset expenses incurred by the State Committee for Social Work. **Oversight** also assumes this proposal does not require school social worker certification as outlined in the proposal and the proposed legislation will only affect a small number of individuals. **Oversight** assumes any fiscal impact associated with the additional certification will be minimal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
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**LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS  
 FUND**

Income - Fees for social worker certification

Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000	Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000	Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000
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Cost - Administration of social worker certification for schools

(Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000)	(Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000)	(Unknown - Expected to be Less than \$100,000)
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON  
 LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS  
 FUND**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

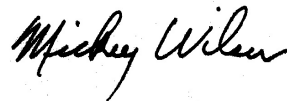
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, State Board of Education and Office of Educator Quality shall recognize any person who has obtained a degree in social work from an accredited college or university and holds both a valid professional license of social work issued by the State Committee for Social Work and a credential in school social work issued by a nationally recognized credentialing organization in social work as a certified school social worker. The State Committee for Social Work shall issue a certificate to any person making application as a credentialed school social worker provided they meet the qualifications outlined in the proposal. The State Committee for Social Work shall charge fees necessary to implement this proposal.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration  
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules  
Office of Secretary of State  
    Administrative Rules Division  
Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement  
School Districts  
    Parkway



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