

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 237 (Senators Stoltzfus and Colburn)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Psychologists - Educational Requirements

This emergency bill expands the definition of a doctoral degree in psychology to include a doctorate in psychology that meets the criteria for a doctoral degree in psychology published in 1977 by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists may consider postdoctoral course work in psychology, not to exceed nine semester hours, in making its determination of whether the degree in psychology meets the criteria described above.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund revenues from examination fees for the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists could increase by \$6,800 in FY 1999. Future year revenues reflect a constant number of new applicants sitting for the examination each year, a 50% passing rate, and biennial renewals. No effect on expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
SF Revenues	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$10,800	\$6,800	\$14,800
SF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$6,800	\$6,800	\$10,800	\$6,800	\$14,800

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Some psychologists may now be able to claim a doctoral degree in psychology.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: As a result of expanding the definition of a doctoral degree in psychology, it is estimated that an additional 15 individuals a year would qualify to sit for the State-licensure examinations (a national examination and a State examination). Consequently, special fund revenues for the board would increase by \$6,750 in fiscal 1999 (15 applicants x \$450 examination fees).

Future year revenues reflect 15 new applicants sitting for the examination each year, a 50% passing rate each year, and a biennial renewal fee of \$250.

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