

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1722

**House of Origin** ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Purkey, Harry R.

**3. Committee** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title** Health professions; continuing education for physical therapists.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This legislation would require all licensed physical therapists to complete annual continuing education courses as approved by the Board as a prerequisite to license renewal or reinstatement. This is similar to requirements of other health professionals.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are tentative**

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$1,500	-	NGF

*\*Note: See item 8 for impact beyond FY 2003*

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would necessitate the promulgation of regulations at a cost of approximately \$1,500 in FY 2001. In addition, there will be costs associated with compliance enforcement of requirements. The board will audit approximately one to two percent of licensees each year to submit documentation of continuing education. While staff time will be involved in the review of documentation, no additional personnel will be required to accomplish this activity. It would be expected that a small percentage of licensees would be non-compliant, resulting in disciplinary action. Most cases will be settled by a pre-consent order (\$100 per case), but some (approximately five per year) may result in the convening of an informal conference at an expenditure of \$500 per case.

What is unknown is the potential impact on the revenue of the board - the imposition of continuing education may cause a few licensees to take an inactive status or to drop their license altogether. There are approximately 5,204 licensees (physical therapists and physical therapist assistants), 885 of whom list an out-of-state address. If ten percent of the out-of-state licensees decided to become inactive (inactive renewal is typically 1/2 of the active renewal fee), that would result in a loss of income to the board of approximately \$5,740 per biennium (14 PTA's @ \$35 and 75 PT's @ \$70), which could likely be absorbed within the existing fee structure and budget of the Board. Physical therapists renewed their biennial licenses in 2000, so the implementation of a continuing education requirement would likely be with the 2004 renewal and the impact on revenue would not be seen until then.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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