

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1666

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Yost, Joseph R.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Professional counselors; establishes minimum education requirements for licensure

5. Summary: The proposed legislation clarifies the minimum education requirements for licensure as a professional counselor and provides that an applicant receives a master's degree from a program in which the primary emphasis is on preparation for the practice of counseling. The bill also requires the Board of Counseling to maintain a registry of persons who meet the requirements for supervision of residents.

The bill exempts individuals who meet all other requirements for licensure as a professional counselor related to coursework and completion of a supervised residency by July 1, 2017, from provisions related to completion of a graduate degree.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Counseling may experience some increased cost associated with the requirement to create and maintain a registry of those persons qualified to supervise residents. The exact cost of such an effort is unknown at this time. Should the cost of the registry exceed current revenues, the board would be required to cover these expenses by charging a one-time fee to those being added to the registry. It is expected that any such fee, if required, would be nominal.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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