

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 340

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: Newman, Stephen D.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Occupational therapy; definition

5. Summary: The proposed legislation amends the “practice of occupational therapy” to clarify that the practice includes the therapeutic use of occupations for habilitation and rehabilitation to enhance physical health, mental health, and cognitive functioning and that it includes the design of adaptive equipment and assistive technologies and consultation concerning the adaptation of sensory and social, as well as physical, environments. The bill requires the Board of Medicine to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The minimal fiscal impact associated with the required promulgation of regulations will be absorbed by the department.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB 268.

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