

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB760ER

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Licensure of psychologists; Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

5. Summary: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed psychologists to practice in Compact member states, provided that they are licensed in at least one member state. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021, and directs the Board of Psychology to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Board of Psychology would incur costs for participation in Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, however, there is insufficient information available to determine the impact. The agency indicates that there will be costs incurred for membership and possibly for travel by staff and board members. Additionally, there may be some loss of revenue as psychologists from other states who would currently need a license to practice telepsychology in Virginia would be able to practice with a "passport." The psychologist from another Compact state must pay the Compact for the passport, and the Board would not receive any licensing or renewal revenue. The Board should be able to absorb such costs within its existing budget but it is unknown whether additional costs and the anticipated loss of revenue will necessitate an increase in licensure fees.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.