



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 137

Committee: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development Sponsor: Senator Garlan Gudger
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Senate Bill 137 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would terminate the existing Alabama Board of Massage Therapy on June 1, 2024 and transfer all rights, duties, records, and property to the newly created Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board. This bill would increase board membership by two additional members and would require the board to meet quarterly (rather than biannually) which will increase the new board's obligations by an estimated minimum of \$7,300 annually for per diem and travel expenses of the additional board members to attend meetings for license renewal. The provisions of this bill would further increase the obligations of the new board by an undetermined amount for any requests of criminal history background checks of certain licensees made through the district attorneys of the circuits where the licensees are located. This bill would also (1) require the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy Fund to be renamed the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board Fund; and (2) provide that all administrative rules of the former board shall remain in effect as rules of the new board until amended or repealed.

This bill would also increase the obligations of the Office of the Secretary of State, as the executive director of the board, to perform all of the administrative functions of the board. However, any increased obligations could be offset wholly or partly by board receipts.

This bill provides for the continuance of the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board until October 1, 2026 pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law.