



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 193

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Senate Bill 193 as introduced would create the Office of Occupational and Professional Licensing within the Alabama Department of Workforce to serve as a centralized entity providing leadership, support, and oversight to certain professional or occupational licensing boards operating within the state. This would increase the obligations of the Department to: (1) serve as the custodian of all board records; (2) receive and process all license applications and issue licenses; (3) set all administrative fees; (4) collect all fees, fines and other monies due each board; and (5) hire an executive director, deputy directors, and any other administrative staff the director deems necessary. Simultaneously, this bill would decrease the financial obligations of the existing boards funds from personnel costs for currently employed executive directors and other staff and/or from costs for contracted management services.

This bill would create the Occupational and Professional Licensing (OPL) Fund into which all funds the various boards enumerated in this bill are entitled to receive shall be deposited and used to implement the provisions of this bill. Beginning October 1, 2026, this bill would require all documents, records, functions, and responsibilities of the various boards, including all board receipts and expenditures, to be transferred to the Office. Based upon FY 2024 combined receipts and expenditures of board funds an estimated \$4.6 million and \$3.8 million, respectively would be transferred into the OPL Fund. However, total receipts could increase or decrease by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in each board's current fee structure under current law and the fee structure set by the executive director under the provisions of this bill. Likewise, total expenditures could increase or decrease by an undetermined amount dependent upon personnel costs for currently employed executive directors and other staff and/or from costs for contracted management services.



This bill would also streamline board member compensation by establishing a flat rate per diem of \$100 per day, which would increase or decrease the obligations of the OPL Fund by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in the new flat rate and the amounts paid currently under existing law.

In addition, this bill would remove existing language providing for the transfer of excess funds to the State General Fund from the Electrical Contractor Board. Based on a three-year average, this could decrease receipts to the State General Fund by an estimated \$82,000 annually.

Beginning October 1, 2025, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of: (1) the Alabama Department of Public Health to receive all documents, records, functions and responsibilities of the Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission; and (2) the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to receive all documents, records, functions and responsibilities of the Alabama Drycleaning Environmental Response Trust Fund Advisory Board.