



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 348

Committee: Fiscal Responsibility and
Economic Development

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Senate Bill 348 as introduced would increase the administrative obligations of the Alabama Department of Workforce by an undetermined amount to issue certifications to all individuals providing prosthetic, orthotic, or pedorthic care. This bill would authorize the department to assess an annual recording fee on these individuals, in an amount not to exceed \$100, which would be deposited into the State Treasury and used by the department to administer the provisions of this bill.

Further, beginning October 1, 2026, this bill would abolish the Alabama State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists including any requirements for the licensure and collection of licensing fees from persons providing prosthetic, orthotic, or pedorthic care services. This would increase receipts, presumably to the State General Fund, in fiscal year 2027, by an undetermined amount dependent upon the amount of unencumbered funds remaining in the Alabama State Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists Fund. For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the estimated unencumbered balances in the Fund were \$153,103 and \$126,328, respectively.

This bill could also increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, and local jails by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.