



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 227

Committee: County and Municipal Government Sponsor: Senator Chris Elliott

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Senate Bill 227 as introduced would increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Workforce, via the newly created Office of Occupational and Professional Licensing, to serve as a centralized entity providing leadership, support, and oversight to certain professional or occupational licensing boards operating within the state.

This bill would create the Occupational and Professional Licensing (OPL) Fund into which all fees, fines and other monies the boards under the oversight of the Office are entitled to receive shall be deposited and used to implement the provisions of this bill. This bill would require all documents, records, functions, and responsibilities of the boards subject to oversight by the Office, including all board receipts and expenditures, to be transferred to the Office, which could increase or decrease: (1) total expenditures by an undetermined amount dependent upon total expenditures incurred under current law and total expenditures incurred to comply with the provisions of this bill; and (2) total receipts by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in the boards' fee structure under current law and the fee structure set by the executive director under the provisions of this bill. In addition, the provision for all fees, fines and monies of respective boards to be deposited into the OPL Fund could also decrease receipts to the State General Fund by an undetermined dependent upon the extent to which fine receipts and ending balances for boards that become subject to oversight by the Office are currently deposited or transferred to the State General Fund.

This bill could also increase or decrease the obligations of the OPL Fund by an undetermined amount by streamlining board member compensation as follows: (1) by establishing a flat rate per diem of \$100 per day; and (2) setting the travel expense reimbursement rate at the same rate, and under the same circumstances, as allowed for state employees. Any increase or decrease would be dependent upon the difference in the new uniform rates set by the executive director

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and the amounts paid currently under existing law.