



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 227

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Senate Bill 227 as passed the Senate would increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Workforce by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost to administer the Office of Occupational and Professional Licensing created by this bill to provide oversight and administration of certain professional and occupational licensing boards.

This bill would also create the Occupational and Professional Licensing (OPL) Fund into which all fees, fines and other monies otherwise received by the boards under the oversight of the Office and to be used to implement the provisions of this bill. This bill would transfer all documents, records, functions, and responsibilities of the boards subject to oversight by the Office, including all board receipts and expenditures, 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, this bill could decrease potential receipts to the State General Fund by an undetermined dependent on the amount of fines and ending balances for boards that become subject to oversight by the Office that would no longer be deposited or transferred to the State General Fund pursuant to this bill.

This bill would increase the obligations of the OPL Fund and correspondingly decrease the obligations of the respective board fund by an undetermined amount by providing for uniform 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.