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HB16-1379

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kraft-Tharp **Bill Status:** House Health, Insurance, and Environment
 Sen. Martinez Humenik **Fiscal Analyst:** Erin Reynolds (303-866-4146)

BILL TOPIC: PSYCHOLOGISTS CONTINUING PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies and amends portions of the continuing professional development program for licensed psychologists, enacted by House Bill 15-1057. Licensed psychologists are regulated by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners (state board) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

The clarifications include allowing credit hours for teaching or giving presentations to be awarded more than once for the same material, but only once during the same licensure cycle; allowing credit hours for writing, editing or reviewing psychology publications and not limiting the credit hours to the first year of publication or distribution; and limiting the award of credit hours to review of peer review journal articles.

Background

House Bill 15-1057. HB15-1057 requires licensed psychologists to complete at least 40 hours of continuing professional development and education during each two-year license renewal cycle in order to maintain their professional license. The state board is allowed to audit up to five percent of licensed psychologists during each renewal cycle to check compliance with the continuing professional development requirement. Continuing education under HB15-1057 may include attending or teaching an academic course, authoring a paper, or attending workshops and symposia, among other things.

State Expenditures

In FY 2016-17 only, the bill will minimally increase workload in DORA. The state board will conduct rulemaking during the regular course of business as part of its current implementation of HB15-1057 to adopt the clarifications and amendments under this bill. Outreach material and the website will also be updated to reflect the changes under this bill. These impacts will be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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