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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6142

BILL NUMBER: SB 11

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 30, 2023

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marriage and Family Therapists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Donato

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Olthoff

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill decreases the number of experiential practice hours required to obtain a license as a marriage and family therapist or a therapist associate. The bill specifies that the hours must be completed during at least 12 months.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) could experience a minor increase in workload to process additional license applications for marriage and family therapists or therapist associates if the bill's reduction in required practice hours makes it easier for applicants to obtain licensure. Any increase in license applications is expected to be minimal. The PLA's administrative expenses are paid from General Fund appropriations.

Explanation of State Revenues: The reduction in required practice hours may result in additional marriage and family therapy license applicants with additional revenue from license fees. Fees for all licenses issued by the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board are \$50 for initial application and biennial renewal. The fees are deposited in the General Fund. Any additional revenue collected as a result of the bill is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information— Indiana had 1,020 working marriage and family therapists as of May, 2021. The following table provides recent active license counts for marriage and family therapists and therapist associates.

Table. Marriage and Family Therapist License Counts FY 2021 & FY 2022		
Type	FY 2021	FY 2022
Marriage and Family Therapist	925	976
Marriage and Family Therapist Associate	71	97

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_in.htm#31-0000; Professional Licensing Agency.

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