

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Baton Rouge, LA 70816 Title: _____

Date Rule Takes Effect: April 1, 2027

SUMMARY

(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, which is approximately \$700 in FY 25 related to publishing the proposed rule and final rule in the Louisiana Register, the proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The cost of rulemaking will be paid from self-generated funds.

The proposed rule will change the categorical requirements for continuing education standards for all licensees governed by the Licensed Professional Counselors Board (LPC Board). The proposed rule change requires one and a half clock hours to be accrued in social and cultural foundations for provisional licensees and three clock hours for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. These hours will count toward the current requirement of twenty clock hours for provisional licensees and forty clock hours for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists every two years.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed changes would require a specific type of training but would not increase the number of hours that are currently required to renew a license. The coursework that would be required is currently available from existing continuing education providers. The fees for social and multicultural foundations coursework are comparable with those for general continuing education hours.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

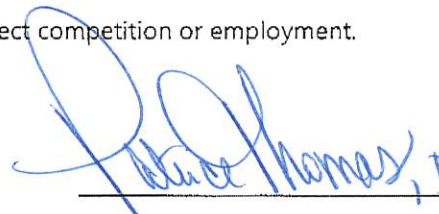
The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment.


Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Jamie S. Doming, Executive Director

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

9/6/2024


Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

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Date of Signature

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule will require specific content areas of training in continuing education for renewal of licensure.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Telehealth has provided more opportunities to work with many diverse populations and has prompted the need for multicultural training. The training is broad in scope, allowing the licensee to choose an area applicable to their clients.

Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

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- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) X NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The LPC Board is self-funded and receives no appropriations from the legislature.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$700	\$0	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Major Repairs & Constr.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$700	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.," including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

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3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated	\$700	\$0	\$0
Dedicated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$700	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, the LPC Board has funds to implement the proposed action.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in any costs or savings for local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

Sources of funding of local governmental units will not be affected by the proposed rule.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

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- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule changes are expected to have no effect on receipts or income.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment.