



[**SF 487**](#) – Occupational Regulation Review (LSB1457SV)

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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the Senate

Requester: Representative Cindy Winckler

Description

[**Senate File 487**](#) establishes requirements of the legislative process for the introduction and consideration of bills regarding occupational regulation and implements a five-year revolving review process for existing boards and commissions. The Bill contains five divisions. Division II is the only division with a measurable fiscal impact.

Division II requires the legislative State Government Efficiency Review Committee to meet every month, as necessary, to review all boards, councils, commissions, committees, panels, review teams, and foundations of the State except pension boards and the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board (boards) according to a schedule established by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). The Committee is then directed to review the usefulness, performance, and efficacy of the boards and publish a report of its findings with recommendations by December 21 of each year. The Bill requires a board to submit a report 30 days prior to the date the board is scheduled to appear before the Committee detailing information enumerated in section 14(3) of the Bill.

The Bill also requires that any act of the General Assembly establishing a board after the effective date of SF 487 to include a dissolution date for the board within five years of the board's establishment, and that any governmental entity established by an executive order of the governor shall be dissolved within one year of its establishment or the submission of a report required by the establishing executive order, whichever is later.

Background

The LSA maintains a list of boards and commissions on the [Iowa Legislature website](#). This list contains 277 current boards, commissions, and committees but is not inclusive of all councils, committees, panels, review teams, and foundations included in the definition of "boards" as defined by section 12 of the Bill. The total number of State entities that would be included in the General Assembly's five-year review is not known at this time.

Assumptions

The Department of Public Health (DPH) reports that, due to the broad definition of "board" in section 12 of the Bill, it is unclear how many boards, commissions, committees, or licensing agencies will be subject to the five-year review process. The Division of Acute Disease Prevention, Emergency Response, and Environmental Health has 16 licensing functions that will be included in the five-year review calendar, and the Division of Professional Licensing and Regulation has an additional 23 boards that will need to be included on the calendar as well. The estimated fiscal impact is based on these assumed minimums, but could increase if the definition of "board" in section 12 of the Bill is interpreted to include additional boards and commissions such as the State Board of Health.

To review the 39 licensing boards under the purview of the DPH would require 1.0 additional full-time equivalent (FTE) position. A new Executive Officer position would be necessary to assist the boards and commissions in collecting data as outlined in paragraphs "a" through "z" in section 14(3) of the Bill and ensuring compliance with the additional reporting requirements within the review schedule timelines established in the Bill.

Fiscal Impact

In order to review the 39 licensing boards under the purview of the DPH, the DPH would require 1.0 new FTE position with an estimated annual cost of \$98,000 for salary, benefits, and other indirect costs. Senate File 487 would require the review of no fewer than 277 State boards, commissions, committees, councils, panels, review teams, and foundations on a revolving five-year calendar (approximately 55 per year). The total fiscal impact of SF 487 to the State cannot be calculated at this time, but is likely significant.

Sources

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