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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 4716	Prefiled on November 20, 2019
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Subject:	Youth Gender Reassignment Prevention Act	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Impact Date:	January 7, 2020 Updated for Additional Agency Response	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill establishes the Youth Gender Reassignment Prevention Act, which prohibits gender reassignment treatment for anyone under the age of eighteen. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because it does not alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency.

This bill may increase Other Funds expenditures of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) by an undetermined amount due to a potential increase in board meetings for the State Board of Medical Examiners (BME) or other health care professional licensing boards.

This bill may increase General Fund revenue by an amount equal to 10 percent of the increase in expenditures of BME and other health care professional licensing boards. Because the potential increase in board expenditures is unknown, the increase in General Fund revenue is undetermined. However, LLR anticipates that any increase in General Fund revenue will be minimal.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from LLR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill prohibits anyone under the age of eighteen from undergoing gender reassignment medical treatment. The bill also states that any health care professional who does not comply with this law is subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate health care professional licensing board.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. This bill creates no new duties or obligations for DHEC. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Health care professionals are licensed by BME and other health care professional licensing boards, which are under the administration of LLR. Health care professionals who do not comply with the law are subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate health care professional licensing board.

Any additional complaints, investigations, and disciplinary proceedings resulting from this bill will require additional meetings of BME or the appropriate licensing board. Board members receive a per diem of \$35 and mileage reimbursement of 57.5 cents per mile. In addition, board meetings require the presence of a court reporter, which averages \$2,156 per meeting. In the example of BME which has thirteen members, this bill will increase Other Funds expenditures of LLR by at least \$2,611 for each additional meeting of BME. Because the agency is unable to estimate the number of additional meetings that may be required, the expenditure impact due to additional board meetings is undetermined.

This section of the fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from LLR.

State Revenue

This bill prohibits anyone under the age of eighteen from undergoing gender reassignment medical treatment. As a result of this bill, health care professional licensing boards may experience an increase in the number of board meetings to address disciplinary actions for noncompliance. Healthcare professional licensing boards fall under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing. Pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2019-20 Appropriations Act, LLR is required to remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of board expenditures. In the example of BME, this will increase General Fund revenue by at least \$261 for each additional meeting of BME. The agency is unable to estimate the number of additional meetings that may be required. Therefore, the total increase in General Fund revenue is undetermined. However, the agency anticipates that any increase in General Fund revenue will be minimal.

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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

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Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Health care professionals are licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners, which is under the regulation of LLR. The fiscal impact of this bill on the board is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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