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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The State Psychology Board of Ohio will experience costs to participate in the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists, including costs to process multistate licenses, investigate complaints, provide required information, and possibly to pay an annual assessment. However, the Board may realize revenues for any multistate license fees collected. The total costs, as well as the amount of revenues received, will depend on the number of school psychologists seeking a multistate license.

Detailed Analysis

The bill enters Ohio as a party to the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists. As a member of the Compact, Ohio must offer equivalent licenses to school psychologists from another member state, subject to Ohio's laws and rules governing the practice of school psychology. The Compact provides that a member state is authorized to investigate and impose disciplinary measures on licensees according to state practice laws. Additionally, a member state is required to provide files and information regarding the investigation and discipline of licensees upon request from other member states. As a result, the State Psychology Board of Ohio may experience additional costs for investigations and disciplinary action. If there are any criminal actions taken, there could be court costs. Additionally, the Board will be required to submit specified information to the Compact Commission regarding school psychologists to whom the Compact is applicable. There will also be administrative costs to submit this information, to promulgate any rules, process multistate licenses, and possibly to make updates to information technology systems or the Board's website. However, participating states may impose fees, which may help offset some costs. Costs, and the amount of revenue received, will depend on the number of school psychologists seeking a multistate license.

The Compact Commission is permitted to impose annual assessments on participating states. Additionally, the Board will be required to select one delegate to serve on the Compact Commission. These provisions could also result in costs to the Board. However, meetings may take place by telecommunication, video conference, or other similar electronic means. Thus, this could reduce participating costs.

The Compact has been enacted by the required number of states (seven) to become effective.