



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1096

PRINTERS NO. 2060

PRIME SPONSOR: Sonney

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Establishes a continuing education requirement for architects. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Architects Licensure Law (Act 218 of 1982) to require licensed architects to complete 24 hours of continuing education (CE) every 2 years in order to renew their license. A minimum of 12 of these 24 hours must be in the areas of health, safety and welfare credits. A licensee whose primary practice is in another state shall be deemed to have satisfied this CE requirement if the licensee has completed the CE requirement in the state of primary practice.

The State Architects Licensure Board shall establish, enforce and promulgate rules and regulations to implement the CE requirement.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to the Department of State, this legislation would require new continuing education administrative procedures, renewal application, and new continuing education forms. Further, there will be costs associated with implementing the program and assuring compliance, and the potential loss of revenue due to an anticipated reduction in the number of licensees who may desire inactive status rather than attend continuing education to maintain the professional designation as a licensed and registered architect. It is not anticipated that the requirements of this legislation would necessitate adding additional complement.

The total estimated costs are indeterminable at this point, but could likely be absorbed within current available funds. In the event that the Board could not absorb those costs, they would have the ability, through regulation, to increase biennial renewal fees to offset those expenses.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.