FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 20, 2025

Agency Submitting: Department of Public Safety, Records, Communications and Compliance Division

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

SB165 / BDR 54-145 AN ACT relating to behavioral health; authorizing the establishment of a Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioner Advisory Group; prohibiting the unlicensed practice of behavioral health promotion and prevention; establishing a privilege for certain confidential communications; providing penalties; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 10 of this bill defines "behavioral health and wellness practitioner" to mean a person who is licensed pursuant to practice behavioral health promotion and prevention.

Section 20 of this bill applies those definitions to the provisions of existing law governing licensure by the Board. Sections 13-19 and 21-49 of this bill provide for the licensure and regulation of behavioral health and wellness practitioners by the Board. Section 30 requires an applicant for such a license to undergo a fingerprint-based background check under NRS 641.160 and NRS 641.226.

If this bill as introduced is enacted, it would require the Department of Public Safety, Records, Communications and Compliance Division (RCCD), Nevada Offense Code Unit (NOC) staff to modify 2 NOCs. However, the cumulative impact of the legislation from the 2025 session will increase the volume of NOC revisions. Additionally, it would require Behavior Health and Wellness Practitioner applicants to submit fingerprints to the RCCD Fingerprint Support Unit (FSU) which will increase fingerprint submissions. This bill may also require RCCD NCJIS Compliance Unit (NCU) staff to shift focus from audits to outreach and training for the Psychological Examiners. The cumulative impact of the legislation from the 2025 session will increase the volume of operations on NCU. The RCCD may request to return to the Interim Finance Committee in the 2025-2027 biennium should workload increases necessitate additional staffing.

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