

Administrative Rule Analysis



PSYCHOLOGY GENERAL RULES

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BACKGROUND & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES SUBMITTED TO JCAR

2012-113-LR would add and rescind rules to rewrite and reorder the general rules for licensed psychologists to make substantial changes and provide for additional consistency and clarity.

Specifically, the proposed rules update accreditation standards, establish procedures and criteria for continuing education (CE) requirements for licensure renewal as authorized by MCL 333.18233, alter the passing examination scores from those stipulated by rule to those recommended by the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards, expand licensure by endorsement by allowing applicants to satisfy requirements by possessing a Health Service Provider Credential issued by the National Register, and codify current practice of requiring applicants to have their licenses verified by state licensing agencies for states in which the applicant has held a license.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The rules added and rescinded by 2012-113-LR would have an indeterminate, yet purportedly nominal, fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to the extent that LARA staff would expend time and resources to monitor and enforce compliance with the new continuing education requirements. These efforts are supported with licensure fees established in statute and, according to LARA, are currently more than sufficient to offset the costs to license and otherwise regulate psychologists.

2012-113-LR could have a likely nominal fiscal impact on local units of government to the extent that school districts employ psychologists and provide reimbursement for continuing education activities.

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