


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: January 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Professional Art Therapist Licensure
Amendment Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-250, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on January 17, 2020

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 budget through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$40,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$281,000 over the financial plan.

Background

The bill regulates¹ the scope of practice for professional art therapists and graduate professional art therapists in the District of Columbia and establishes qualifications for licensure by the Board of Professional Counseling at the Department of Health (DOH). Art therapy uses therapeutic interventions to assist individuals or groups to improve cognitive and sensory-motor functions, increase self-awareness and self-esteem, cope with grief and traumatic experience, resolve conflicts and distress, and enhance social functioning.

Financial Plan Impact

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¹ By amending The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 et seq.).

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financial plan. DOH must hire one additional health licensing specialist to process art therapy license applications and to enforce regulations.

Bill 23-250 -Professional Art Therapist Licensure Amendment Act of 2020					
Total Cost					
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Salary ^(a)	\$31,143	\$64,155	\$66,079	\$68,062	\$229,438
Fringe ^(b)	\$6,820	\$14,050	\$14,471	\$14,905	\$50,247
IT and Phone	\$1,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750
Total	\$39,713	\$78,204	\$80,551	\$82,967	\$281,435

Table Notes:

- (a) Assumes one Grade-9, Step-5 Health Licensing Specialist and 3 percent cost growth. Assumes a start date of March 1, 2020.
- (b) Assume fringe benefit rate of 21.9 percent.