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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Health

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The State Medical Board of Ohio will experience costs to participate in the Interstate Massage Compact (IMpact), 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 massage therapists seeking a multistate license.

Detailed Analysis

The bill enters Ohio as a party to IMpact. As a member of IMpact, Ohio must allow a massage therapist licensed in another member state to practice in Ohio, subject to Ohio's laws and rules governing the practice of massage therapy. IMpact provides that a home state has the exclusive power to impose adverse action against a license it issues, including a single-state license or a multistate license. Adverse actions can be administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal actions permitted by a member state's laws. As a result, the State Medical Board of Ohio may receive complaints regarding out-of-state practitioners with a multistate license, which may result in 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 on all massage therapists 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 massage therapists 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 becomes effective when seven states enact it into law.