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Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules

The corresponding proposed Rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the May 20, 2025 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20th of each month.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices—Cell Phone Use During Testing	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators—Freedom Seal	Costs to directly affected persons as a result of the proposed rule change are dependent on whether a school or family purchases a cord. These are estimated to cost very little and are not required to receive the diploma endorsement.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1508—Pupil Appraisal Handbook Screenings and Evaluations of Students for Special Education and Related Services	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change. The amendments provide clarity and implement standard procedures for screening and evaluation of students with known or suspected exceptionalities.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1929—Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook Business Administrator Credentials	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Educator Preparation, Evaluation, and Credentials	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Office of State Procurement	Procurement	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact costs and/or economic benefits for directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.
Motor Vehicle Commission	Teleconference or Video Conference Participation at Open Meetings by Person with Disability	Electronic meetings could possibly reduce expenses for individuals participating in meetings by negating the need for travel to a commission meeting.
Board of Dentistry	General Provisions	There are no estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses or non-governmental groups due to the rule proposed for initial adoption.
Board of Examiners	PLPC Billing Technical Revision	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The rule does not change how billing is handled by providers, which typically include mental health clinics, group practices, behavioral health centers, schools, hospitals, and private counseling agencies. Under current administration rule and practice, Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs) cannot accept payment directly from clients or bill under another provider's name. Their employer bills for the services and pays the PLPC through regular payroll or contract arrangements. This rule simply clarifies that process to ensure employers understand their role in billing and compensation. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.
Board of Examiners	Teletherapy Registration	Proposed rule changes establish registration process for out-of-state licensed mental health professionals to provide teletherapy services to Louisiana clients. The rule defines telehealth registration, outlines eligibility and background check requirements, and sets practice standards consistent with in-person care. Additionally, the rule specifies training and continuing education requirements, informed consent procedures, documentation standards, and disciplinary provisions applicable to both Louisiana licensees and telehealth registrants.

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Department of Health	Commission for the Deaf	There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Health	Regulation of Medical Marijuana	There are no anticipated economic losses or benefits resulting from the proposed rule change. Proposed rule changes are not expected to create any direct economic impact on marijuana retailers at this time. The rule does not impose new fees or compliance burdens on retailers beyond what is already required under current law or operational practice. While the Office of Public Health will incur ongoing costs related to inspections, software updates, and staff training (e.g., the Sanitarian 4 position), those costs are not passed on to businesses. Additionally, since Act 693 of 2024 Regular Session Louisiana Legislature did not authorize permit fees for retailers, there is no immediate revenue mechanism tied to the rule.
Department of Health	Sign Language Interpreters	The promulgation of professional and occupational standards will affect ASL interpreters practicing in community and PreK-12 educational settings. The rule will define minimum qualification standards for all interpreters in community and PreK-12 educational settings and regulate their registration/ability to practice in this state. With the goal being to enhance the quality of interpreting services in Louisiana and ensure access to qualified interpreting professionals, this may require some interpreters to meet new certification requirements to continue practicing. For example, this may require obtaining additional education or re-certifying with a higher score. In turn, this could affect small businesses or non-governmental groups who employ or hire interpreters as contract personnel to provide interpreting services in various settings such as PreK-12 educational settings and in healthcare facilities, government services, and other community settings.
Department of Health	State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards	There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Black Bass Regulations on Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area	The proposed rule change is anticipated to positively impact persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. Fisheries managers and area stakeholders believe that an increase in the production of trophy-sized bass in Bussey Brake may increase public interest in the reservoir and potentially draw more anglers to the site. An increase in angler visitation to the lake may boost revenues for businesses in the vicinity. Many of the businesses serving anglers in the area meet the qualifications of small businesses.