

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB575
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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 575 creates the Janet Phillips Act of 2023. The measure enacts the Counseling Compact to facilitate interstate practice of licensed professional counselors with the goal of improving public access to professional counseling services.

Each member state must establish a licensing process for counselors and recognize licensed professional counselor licenses issued by other member states. Such counselors are authorized to practice remotely in member states' jurisdictions. If a licensee's privilege to practice is revoked in any remote state, the individual may lose the privilege to practice in all other remote states until certain conditions are met. The measure establishes procedures for licensees to change their resident state and outlines procedures for considering an applicant's criminal history.

Additionally, the newly established Counseling Compact Commission will consist of one delegate from each member state and is authorized to elect an 11-member Executive Committee to carry out certain duties of the Commission.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 575 creates the Janet Phillips Act of 2023, enacting the Counseling Compact. This compact is to allow the interstate practice of Licensed Professional Counselors, thus improving public access to professional counseling services. This measure creates the Counseling Compact Commission with the authorization to elect an Executive Committee. This Commission is authorized to collect an annual assessment or impose fees to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission and its staff; therefore, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.