

**State Impact**

The bill requires any individual practicing, using, or applying physical or mechanical restraint on a minor or nonconsenting adult to be licensed as a mental health therapist. All State and local law enforcement and corrections officers and health care professionals using any form of restraint would also be required to be licensed. The cost of the license is \$75; to be renewed every two years. Licensure requires a bachelor's degree in Social Work. Annual tuition and fees for this degree range from \$2,200 to \$3,100. The bill does not specify who shall pay for these costs (i.e., the employer or the employee). However, there are approximately 570 law enforcement officers in State Government. If the State chose to pay for the license, costs could range up to \$42,750.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

All law enforcement and health care professionals using any form of restraint would be required to be licensed as mental health therapists with the appropriate bachelor's degree. Each individual working in this profession would be required to be licensed at a cost of \$75 every two years. Those individuals lacking adequate training credentials would be required to complete the educational requirements. All necessary costs may come from their own financial resources to meet requirements of the bill. Annual tuition costs range up to \$3,100 annually. The applicants would also be responsible for books and materials, transportation and room and board if necessary.

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