

# FISCAL NOTE

March 21, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	HB 223	<b>Printer's No:</b>	192	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sonney (D)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 114,726 See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** The bill would add a continuing education requirement for architect licensees.

**ANALYSIS:** Currently, the Architects Licensure Law does not have a continuing education requirement for license renewal. The bill would require architects to complete a minimum of twenty-four hours of continuing education as a condition of their biennial renewal. Twelve hours of the continuing education must be on the subject areas of health, safety and welfare. Individuals applying for initial licensure would be exempt from the continuing education requirement during the biennial licensure period in which the individual obtained the initial license. The Architects Licensure Board may waive the continuing education requirement if the individual shows inability to complete the requirement was due to emergency, illness, hardship or active military service.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The bill would have a fiscal impact of \$114,726 in the first fiscal year. To implement the bill, the Department of State estimates that it would need to hire one Education Certification Evaluator in the Health Licensing Division with salary and benefits amounting to \$104,726. The bill could require additional operating expenses of \$10,000 to update forms, promulgate regulations and process applications. If the current income does not cover the costs of the legislation down the road, which is a possibility, fees may then need to be increased.

	Cost
Personnel	\$ 104,726
Operating	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 114,726</b>