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Honorable Sharon Cooper
Chairman, House Health & Human Services
436 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 636 (LC 33 7275S)

Dear Chairman Cooper:

The bill would provide for the licensure of genetic counselors, authorizing the Georgia Composite Medical Board to issue, suspend, deny, and renew licenses. It defines genetic counselors, determines requirements for licensure, and provides details on renewing the license.

Regulating the licensure of genetic counselors would require state funding of \$53,800 to \$64,200 per year. The estimated cost includes an initial IT cost of \$13,000 to add this profession to the Board's existing system, as well as \$64,800 in salary and benefits for an additional staff member to manage the profession. The Board would generate revenue to offset part of the cost through initial application fees (assumed at \$300) and renewal fees (assumed at \$150). According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are an estimated 80 genetic counselors in Georgia, and this number is expected to grow 2.6 percent annually.

Table 1. Estimated Licensure Revenues and Costs

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Revenue			
Application Fees	\$24,000	\$600	\$600
Renewal Fees	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$24,000	\$600	\$12,600
Expenditures			
IT Costs	\$13,000	\$0	\$0
Personnel (1 FTE)	<u>\$64,800</u>	<u>\$64,800</u>	<u>\$64,800</u>
Total Expenditures	\$77,800	\$64,800	\$64,800
Additional State Costs	\$53,800	\$64,200	\$52,200

Sincerely,

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Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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Teresa A. MacCartney, Director
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