

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2026 BR NUMBER 1492

SENATE BILL NUMBER 21

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to music therapy.

**SPONSOR** Senator Gerald Neal

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE  STATE  
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Professional Licensing

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED Kentucky Board of  
Licensure for Professional Music Therapists Fund

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
<b>REVENUES</b>		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
<b>NET EFFECT</b>		∅	∅	∅

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** Senate Bill 21 establishes the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Music Therapists and an associated fund that will be administratively attached to the Department of Professional Licensing in the Public Protection Cabinet. This measure authorizes the board to issue, renew, suspend, and revoke licenses to practice music therapy.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The implementation costs are estimated to be \$50,000 for administrative and legal services. It is assumed that any operating costs borne by the Department of Professional Licensing will be offset by the fees charged by the Board of Licensure for Professional Music Therapists.

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