

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 451 – HB 1655

May 19, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (007473, 008792): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and expands the scope of alcohol and drug abuse counseling services to include the evaluation and treatment of persons who have had their lives significantly impacted by compulsive gambling disorder. A counselor evaluating or treating a person impacted by compulsive gambling disorder shall not have less than 60 hours of specialized education through formal classroom training or continuing education hours. An applicant for a license shall have experience with at least 10 patients. A supervisor is required to have at least 60 hours of formal classroom instruction to supervise a counselor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

MINIMAL

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

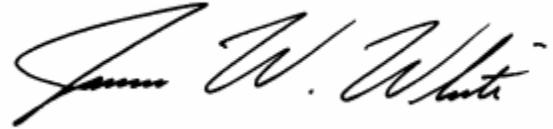
Assumptions applied to amendments:

- The Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors will handle any necessary rule changes during regularly scheduled meetings.
- Any cost associated with classroom and continuing education hours will be incurred by the counselor or supervisor and will not have a fiscal impact on the state.
- Any increase in investigations will not be significant. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$9,779.04.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'W'.

James W. White, Executive Director

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