

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2542 - SB 2521

February 15, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires persons to be licensed prior to practicing alcohol and drug abuse counseling or if not licensed, be preparing for licensure under the direct supervision of a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor. The Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors must establish two tiers of licensure with one tier for those individuals with formal academic degrees in a relevant subject matter and one for individuals who lack such degrees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue –

**\$68,400/FY10-11 and FY11-12/Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
\$121,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/**

Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

Assumptions:

- The Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors would promulgate rules to establish the two tiers of licensure. This will occur during a regularly scheduled meeting and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Based on the average applications for the past three years, the Board anticipates 50 new applicants for a Level I license, 75 new applicants for a Level II license, and 250 new applications for those preparing for licensure.
- The application fee for a Level I licensure will be \$290 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$14,500 (50 x \$290).
- The application fee for a Level II licensure will be \$385 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$28,875 (75 x \$385).
- The application fee for an individual preparing for licensure will be \$100 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$25,000 (250 x \$100).
- The total increase in application fee revenue will be \$68,375 in FY10-11.
- The biennial renewal fee for a Level I licensure will be \$250 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$12,500 (50 x \$250).
- The biennial renewal fee for a Level II licensure will be \$335 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$25,125 (75 x \$335).
- The biennial renewal for an individual preparing for licensure will be \$100 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$15,000 (250 x \$60).
- The total increase in biennial renewal revenue will be \$52,625 in FY12-13 and subsequent years.

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- 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 balance of \$9,779.04. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

CERTIFICATION:

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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