

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2233 – SB 2387

February 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors to establish two tiers of licensure and an entry level for an intern of alcohol and drug abuse counseling. Designates licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as of July 1, 2012, as Level II licensed clinical counselors and prohibits the Board from imposing any additional fees or requiring any additional application. Establishes requirements for qualification and maintenance of qualification for the entry level intern position and two levels of licensure. Authorizes a registered alcohol and drug abuse counselor intern to provide alcohol and drug abuse counseling services in an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program or a recovery support program under the direct supervision of a qualified supervisor. Authorizes a Level I alcohol and drug abuse counselor to provide alcohol and drug abuse counseling services in an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program or a recovery support program. Authorizes a Level II clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor to provide alcohol and drug abuse counseling services in an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, in a recovery support program, or in private practice, and to apply to the Board to become a qualified supervisor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue –

\$32,100/FY12-13 and FY13-14/Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

\$47,900/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years/

Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

Assumptions:

- The Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors will promulgate rules to establish the registration for interns and two tiers of licensure, to develop and implement procedures for reviewing education and training credentials for the certification process, and to develop standards of care. This can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Administrative functions, such as creating applications, modifying computer systems, and processing a higher volume of applications will not result in a significant increase in expenditures and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- Based on the number of employees working in half-way houses in Tennessee, the Board anticipates 250 new registered intern applications. These 250 annual applications would

be new to the state since current licensure requirements are higher than the proposed registered intern requirements.

- The application fee for a registered intern is estimated to be \$100, resulting in a recurring increase in fee revenue of \$25,000 (250 x \$100).
- The proposed Level I licensure requirements and estimated application fees of \$290 correspond to requirements and fees for alcohol and drug abuse counselors under current law. It is therefore estimated that the total annual number of Level I and Level II applicants would be equal to the annual number of applicants under current law.
- Based on the average number of applications in the past three years, it is anticipated that 75 of the total number of applicants will qualify for a Level II license.
- The application fee for a Level II license is estimated to be \$385 resulting in a recurring increase in fee revenue of \$7,125 [75 x (\$385 - \$290)].
- The total recurring increase in application fee revenue is estimated to be \$32,125 (\$25,000 + \$7,125).
- The biennial renewal fee for a registered intern is estimated to be \$60, resulting in an increase in revenue of \$15,000 (250 x \$60).
- The current biennial renewal fee is \$325. The biennial renewal fee for a Level II licensure is estimated to be \$335 resulting in an increase in revenue of \$750 [75 x (\$335 - \$325)].
- The total increase in biennial revenue is estimated to be \$15,750 (\$15,000 + \$750), beginning in FY14-15.
- The total increase in fee revenue, for FY14-15 and subsequent years, is estimated to be \$47,875 (\$32,125 + \$15,750).
- 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, 2011, the Board had a balance of \$53,847.91.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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