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Highlights

• The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board may realize an increase in administrative costs and possibly a one-time loss of revenue.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes two additional sets of criteria by which an individual may qualify for a chemical dependency counselor (CDC) II license. These additional criteria will expand the number of individuals who may qualify for this type of licensure. As a result, the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board may experience an increase in applications for this license. However, both sets of criteria require, among other things, that an individual hold a valid chemical dependency counselor assistant (CDCA) certificate and meet certain other requirements. As a result, it is possible that some individuals currently licensed as a CDCA may be eligible for, and instead opt to obtain, licensure as a CDC II. There could be some initial costs associated with making this adjustment, including rule promulgation costs and additional administrative time for processing these new applications. While the fees are the same for both license types, the costs for initial licenses are lesser than renewal licenses (\$50 for initial and \$150 for renewal). If someone with a current CDCA certificate applied for a CDC II license and paid the initial fee for that, it is possible that the Board could realize a one-time loss of revenue. In addition, there could be indirect impacts if additional individuals were able to obtain counseling services as a result of the bill.

Licenses issued by the Board are renewed on a biennial cycle. As of the end of FY 2019, there were 423 individuals with an active CDC II license and 3,723 active CDCA licenses. Currently, the initial fee is \$50 and the renewal fee is \$150 for both licenses. The revenue generated from these fees are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).

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