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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Manning

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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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.
- The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may realize an increase in administrative costs to conduct a study on levels of care that must be offered by a program providing practicum experience.

Detailed Analysis

Chemical dependency counselor II requirements

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 or has held 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 initial and renewal fees are the same for both licenses, the costs for initial licenses are lesser than renewal licenses. If someone with a current CDCA certificate applied for a CDC II license and paid the initial fee for that instead of renewing as a CDCA, 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. 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).

Prevention specialist assistant and registered applicant supervision

The bill eliminates the authority of independent chemical dependency counselors, independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisors, and chemical dependency counselor IIIs to supervise a prevention specialist assistant or registered applicant. The bill conforms the Revised Code to Board rules.¹ Thus, there should be no fiscal impact.

Levels of care study

The bill also requires, not later than six months after the effective date of the bill, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in consultation with the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, to study levels of care that must be offered by a program providing practicum experience and develop recommendations regarding whether levels of care not specifically authorized should be authorized through the adoption of rules. OhioMHAS and the Board could experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to complete the study.

¹ Ohio Administrative Code 4758-6-07 and 4758-6-08.