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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4601 Introduced on January 10, 2018
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Subject: Addiction Counselors
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Pending	\$0
Other and Federal	Pending	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	Pending	\$0
Other and Federal	Pending	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure and revenue impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires anyone representing himself as an addiction counselor to be licensed by the Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists. The bill establishes requirements for licensure as an addiction counselor. LLR does not currently require an addiction counselor to obtain a license. However, a person representing himself as an addiction counselor currently must be certified by an approved certification board. The South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Certification Commission reports that there are approximately 685 certified addiction counselors in the state. This bill may increase General Fund expenditures in FY 2018-19 for the administration of additional licenses.

In regards to the licensure board, the bill adds two members. The bill also removes the duties of establishing two standards committees. Members of the licensing board receive per diem, subsistence, and mileage for each day they are engaged in the activities of the office. This bill may increase Other Fund expenditures for FY 2018-19 for these new board members.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds. The expenditure impact of this bill on the General Fund and Other Funds is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

State Revenue

This bill establishes requirements for licensure as an addiction counselor. Addiction counselors are currently not required to obtain a license; however, they must be certified by an approved certification board. There are currently approximately 685 certified addiction counselors in the state. These counselors would be required to obtain a license in order to continue their practice. LLR currently charges a fee for licensure of similar professions. Therefore, we expect this bill to increase Other Funds revenue in FY 2018-19.

Additionally, the licensure board for professional counselors falls under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing. Pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act, LLR is required to remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of expenditures. Therefore, we expect this bill to increase General Fund revenue in FY 2018-19.

The revenue impact to the General Fund and Other Funds is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR. This bill will have no revenue impact on Federal Funds.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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