

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 712 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Substance Abuse Specialists

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Reeves

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 1997-98</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1998-99</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1999-00</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2000-01</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Board Receipts	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Board Expenses	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> This act is effective on October 1, 1997.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill adds clinical addictions specialist, clinical supervisor, and residential facility director to the list of job types the N. C. Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board certifies. The maximum fee for certification is increased from \$300 to \$325. The bill enables the professions of psychiatry, psychology, social work, licensed professional counselors, certified rehabilitation counselors and nurses to be certified by the Board under a “deemed status” provision. The fee for deemed status certification is \$100 initially and \$50 every two years.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** There are two fee changes in SB 712. The first is in Section 7, part(a) where the maximum fee to obtain a certificate of certification is increased from \$300 to \$325. The Executive Director of the Board, Jim Scarborough, explained that the increase in the certification fee is actually a transfer of a \$25 fee for testing materials to the certification fee. There is no increase in revenue from this action. The second change is in section 7, part (b), where professionals certified by the Board under “deemed status” are charged an initial \$100 fee and a \$50 renewal fee every two years. Mr. Scarborough estimates

there will be 1,000 professionals over the next five years to apply for certification as clinical addictions specialists . This fiscal note assumes that 200 professionals will apply each year. The revenue from this fee is calculated as follows:

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Year 1	\$ 20,000		\$10,000		\$10,000
Year 2		\$ 20,000		\$10,000	
Year 3			\$20,000		\$10,000
Year 4				\$20,000	
Year 5					\$20,000
Total Revenue	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
	200 initial	200 initial	200 initial 200 renewal	200 initial 200 renewal	200 initial 400 renewal

There is no additional revenue from the new titles clinical supervisor and residential facility director, because they are certified now by the Board under administrative rules. The Board has been instructed by the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedures Oversight Committee that they would need statutory authority to continue certifying these professions.

NOTE: The Board’s cash balance as of June 30, 1996 was \$31,258.

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