



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 421
SPONSOR: Representative Longhurst
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LICENSING AND ACCREDITATION OF RECOVERY HOUSES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.
2. The Act will be implemented upon notice by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) of promulgation of final rules and regulations, published in the Register of Regulations or six months after enactment, whichever occurs first.
3. This Act codifies standards to become “certified recovery houses” either through the DSAMH or through a DSAMH-approved certification entity.
4. The DSAMH will be responsible for the promulgation of rules and regulations involving licensure and the investigation of complaints. To provide the necessary oversight, maintain a registry, and evaluate the quality of training, as well as the integrity and efficacy of the certification program, the DSAMH anticipates the need for 7.0 FTE positions and associated funding to implement the provisions of this Act.
5. These necessary positions would include a 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Administrator III, 3.0 FTEs Licensing Specialists, 1.0 FTE Database Administrator I, 1.0 FTE Investigator II, and 1.0 FTE Trainer/Educator II position. The estimated DSAMH cost for these staff includes salary, other employment costs (OECs), on-going administrative and one-time costs as follows:
 - a. \$374,669 for salaries and OECs (assumed at nine months in the first year);
 - b. \$156,398 for on-going costs, including fleet rental, space rental, network costs, etc.; and
 - c. \$209,800 for one-time costs for staff computers and development and operation of the registry.
6. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	<u>On-Going</u>	<u>One-Time</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$531,067	\$209,800	\$740,867
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$665,948	\$0	\$665,948
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$676,139	\$0	\$676,139

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