

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 826** HLS 22RS 1152

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Expands definition of health care provider		

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL RE SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
Includes addiction counselors and other behavioral health providers within the definition of "healthcare provider" in the La. Telehealth Access Act

Proposed legislation expands the definition of "health care provider" within the LA Telehealth Access Act to include "licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor, licensed, certified, or registered prevention professional, certified compulsive gambling counselor, behavioral health provider who works for a licensed agency or credentialed provider which provides community psychiatric support and treatment services or psychosocial rehabilitation services."

The federal public health emergency (PHE) currently permits these providers to offer services remotely. This measure would allow the continuance of current practice after the PHE expires. This legislation would also direct the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority to promulgate rules and regulations for these providers and their provision of telehealth services to comply with the standards of the LA Telehealth Access Act.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Louisiana Department of Health notes these practices have been in effect since January 2020 and they did not observe a marginal increase in utilization of services provided by addiction counselors, prevention professionals, compulsive gambling counselors or relevant behavioral health providers that could be solely attributed to the expansion of telehealth access during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is not anticipated that adding these providers to the definition of health care providers under the LA Telehealth Access Act will result in a significant or determinable increase in rendered services or expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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