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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8084**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 470**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2001  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Alcohol and drug abuse counselor licensing.

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<b>FUNDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>IMPACT:</b> Pending
	<b>DEDICATED</b>	
	<b>FEDERAL</b>	

**Summary of Legislation:** Provides that a practitioner violates the health professions standards by engaging in or soliciting sexual contact with the practitioner's patient. Establishes the alcohol and drug abuse counselor board. Sets qualifications for licensed clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselors. Provides that prohibitions on the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling do not apply to physicians, nurses, psychologists, clergy members, volunteers for or employees of certain organizations, marriage and family therapists, social workers, mental health counselors, government employees, and under specified circumstances, students, interns, and trainees pursuing an accredited course of study to gain licensure as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor. Prohibits the use of certain titles by unlicensed individuals. Makes the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling a Class A misdemeanor. Prohibits licensed clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselors from practicing hypnosis and from counseling for the purpose of recovering a memory. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**