

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires a person to pass a written and oral test in order to be a licensed chemical dependency counselor. This bill would make changes to the licensing requirements for chemical dependance counselors.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 14 makes changes to certain licensing requirements for chemical dependency counselors.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 10(b), Article 4512o, V.T.C.S., to delete text requiring submission of a case presentation to a test administrator and passing of an oral examination approved by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (commission) to be eligible for license under this Act. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 10A(d), (Article 4512o, V.T.C.S.) to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 11(a), Article 4512o, V.T.C.S., to require, rather than authorize, the commission to prepare and administer an examination to determine qualifications of an applicant for a license under this act. Deletes text regarding contracting with an approved organization.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.