

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1069
Version:	Introduced (6402)
Author:	Rep. Sue Tibbs
Date:	January 31, 2009
Impact:	Minimum of \$83,986 per year

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Marcia Goff

The measure modifies the condition under which the Commissioner of Health can take certain disciplinary measures against an individual who has been convicted of a felony and is licensed pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act, the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act or the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act to include a determination by the Commissioner that the felony is of such a nature as to render the person unfit to practice.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Newman

HB 1069, as introduced, amends portions of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act, the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act, and the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act. This legislation stipulates that the Commissioner of Health may hold a hearing to determine if a felony conviction renders the person convicted unfit to practice under their specific license.

Fiscal Analysis

Based on information provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), the fiscal impact associated with HB 1069 will be the cost of conducting the administrative hearing in an average of ten (10) cases per year, where a license applicant has a felony conviction. The hourly cost of conducting such an administrative hearing is \$8,398.60. If each case requires only one hour to investigate and complete the hearing and multiplied by the average number of cases involving a felony conviction, the minimum cost of this legislation each year will be \$83,986.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

If the time required to investigate and hold administrative hearings is increased or the number of cases requiring hearings is increased, the cost of HB 1069 will increase proportionately.

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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