

State Corporation Commission

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1922

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Shuler

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Health insurance; health services for marriage & family therapists.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Adds marriage and family therapists to the providers that must be reimbursed directly by insurers and health services plans, if they provide a service that is covered by the plan. The mandate was recommended by the Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Benefits.

6. No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Every additional mandated provider requirement has a minimal fiscal impact on the Bureau of Insurance, which must account for the additional requirement in its mandated benefit reporting, form and rate review, market conduct examinations and consumer complaint reviews. The insurance industry must also account for each additional mandated provider, but the cost should be minimal.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This health insurance mandate was introduced in the 2000 Session by Delegate Shuler as House Bill 1284. It was reviewed by the Advisory by the Commission, which recommended that the bill be enacted (8-0). The bill has passed the House and has been referred to Commerce and Labor in the Senate.

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