

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 443

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Shuler, James M.

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Marriage and family therapists; professional counselors

5. Summary/Purpose: Adds marriage and family therapists to the definition of "health care provider" under medical malpractice provisions, specifies that such therapists be licensed to receive immunity as a member of a substance abuse intervention team for health professionals and to give treatment under substance abuse insurance coverage provisions, and adds licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors to the definition of "medical professional" for insurance information and privacy protection provisions.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources