

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a licensed chemical dependency counselor must complete 60 hours of continuing education in each two-year period in which the person holds a license as a requirement for the renewal of the license. This provision does not take into account the advanced academic training and residency requirements of certain licensed professionals. H.B. 1145 would regulate the continuing education requirements for a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1145 regulates the continuing education requirements for a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

### **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 15, Chapter 635, Article 4512o, V.T.C.S., to require a person licensed under this Act, except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section, to complete at least 60 hours of continuing education in each two-year period in which the person holds a license. Requires a person under this Act to whom this subsection applies to complete at least 24 hours of continuing education in each two-year period in which the person holds a license as a requirement for the renewal of the license. Sets forth certain license holders who are subject to this subsection. Prohibits the Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (commission), except for the number of hours required, from adopting a rule that distinguishes between the continuing education requirements required for a license holder subject to Subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.