

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

38:10-13-2. Continuing education. Subchapter 13 is being amended to allow counselors to obtain all of their required continuing education through online services. This amendment defines "virtual" to mean a live interactive video conference by an approved program that involves face-to-face interaction with a facilitator for the purpose of accomplishing specific learning objectives. On-line is defined as pre-recorded, on demand online training. No more than 10 hours may be obtained through pre-recorded, on-demand training.

Persons most likely effected will be counselors and candidates that need yearly continuing education for renewal of applications, certification, or licensure renewal.

The persons that will benefit are candidates and counselors that may have difficulty obtaining the required continuing education through in person, face-to-face educational events.

The economic impact will be reduced due to reduction in travel time, fuel expense, loss of work time if travel is required for the candidates and counselors.

The probable cost to the agency would most likely be reduced due to factors of travel time, fuel expenses, lost work time.

There is no economic impact to any political subdivision.

There is no adverse economic impact on small businesses.

There is no less costly or non-regulatory method or less intrusive method for achieving the purpose of this rule change.

There is no impact on public health, safety, or environmental impact if this rule is not implemented.