

## RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

38:10-13-5. Failure to complete continuing education or submit verification. This language is being added to clarify the importance of timely submission of proof of continuing education to renew a certification/license or application of a candidate.

The persons most affected will be certified/licensed counselors or counselor candidates that don't submit required documentation of continuing education by identified deadlines.

The persons that will benefit are the counselors and counselor candidates by having clearly defined deadlines for submission of their proof of continuing education to continue practicing .

The economic impact will be to counselors or candidates that can be penalized by loss of income and/or late fees if continuing education is not reported by the deadlines.

The probable cost to agencies could be counselors and candidates not being able to practice counseling until the continuing education is submitted.

There is no economic impact to any political subdivision.

There is no further adverse economic impact on small businesses other than what would apply to agencies in the above mentioned comment.

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.