

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE
CHAPTER 10. LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The proposed amendments to 86:10-3-4 more clearly define the unprofessional conduct of pleading guilty to or no contest to or being convicted of a state or federal felony crime in accordance with HB 1373. The proposed amendments to 86:10-9-1 more clearly define the academic requirements by including degree programs accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling related Education Programs (CACREP) as acceptable degree programs. The proposed amendments to 86:10-25-3 strikes language referencing the requirement of applicants for licensure by endorsement to provide proof the applicant has held a license in another jurisdiction for at least five years or possess a graduate degree of at least sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter credit hours. The proposed amendments to 86:10-31-1 waives the application fee for active-duty military service members. The proposed amendments to 86:10-31-3 waives the application fee for spouses of active-duty military service members.
2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Persons benefitting would be Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselor Candidates, Licensed Professional Counselor supervisors, consumers, employers, and Agency staff.
3. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact upon the most likely affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
4. **COST:** The Board does not anticipate any costs to the Board to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed changes in the rules at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
5. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule changes at this time.
6. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The Board does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small businesses as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
7. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** None.
8. **SIGNIFICANT RISKS:** The Board does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
9. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Board does not anticipate any detrimental effects on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rules changes at this time.

10. The initial rule impact statement was prepared on October 15, 2019.