

(a) On or before October 1, 2010, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists shall submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee an interim report on Board's actions concerning the recommendations contained in the sunset review report of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists published by the Department of Legislative Services in October 2007.

(b) The interim report shall include an explanation of:

(1) the results of the Board's review of the certification structure for alcohol and drug counselors to determine whether the current three-tiered structure is of continued benefit to the profession and the public, including any proposed alternatives to the current structure;

(2) the results of the Board's evaluation of the current revenue structure to determine levels necessary to reach a reasonable fund balance by the end of fiscal year 2011; and

(3) the implementation of any other recommendations contained in the report referenced in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008. Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 22, 2008

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Dear Mr. President: