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 Provides relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority. (2/3CA7s2.1(A)) (8/1/26)

Proposed law modifies present law to add definitions to the Addictive Disorders Practice Act for "behavioral Health condition", "credentialing", "licensed mental health professional", "peer support", "peer support specialist", "peer support specialist associate", and "Peer support supervisor." Proposed law modifies present law to designate the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) to be the single authority issuing credentials for substance use disorder counseling, prevention, and peer support professionals in Louisiana. Proposed law increases the number of voting members on the ADRA board of directors from eight members to 11, and adds representation from from the LDH Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), higher education, and a peer support specialist supervisor.

Proposed law establishes qualifications, scope of practice, initial application, and renewal requirements to be recognized by ADRA as a peer support specialist, peer support specialist associate, and peer support supervisor. Proposed law establishes an application fee of not less than \$50 and not more than \$300, an examination fee of not less than \$100 and not more than \$300, and a renewal fee of not less than \$100 and not more than \$300 for a peer support specialist, associate, or supervisor. Proposed law expands present law to apply to certified addiction counselors, counselors in training, peer support specialists, or peer support specialist associates and changes the reference from LDH to ADRA.
 Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR expenditures in the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) by an indeterminable amount in FY 27 and subsequent fiscal years. The increase is associated with designating the ADRA as the single authority for issuing credentials for substance use disorder counseling, prevention, and peer support professionals in Louisiana. The ADRA estimates that implementation will require the addition of one (1) part time position, along with associated operating expenses and equipment costs, to regulate and issue credentials and renewals to peer support professionals. In addition, implementation is expected to require one-time expenditures in FY 27 for attorney fees, promulgation costs, and equipment necessary for licensing and regulation. Information provided by the Office of Behavioral health (OBH) indicates that there will be no impact to expenditures as a result of adding a representative from OBH to the board. ADRA estimates that SGR collections will be sufficient to offset projected expenditure increases.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level, operating expenses, and equipment costs projected by the ADRA. The LFO has requested the ADRA to provide detailed information on the assumptions and rationale used to estimate the additional position needed to implement the requirements of this legislation. To the extent the required staffing levels may be lower or higher, corresponding operating costs would shift accordingly. To the extent that a portion or all of the prescribed duties can be absorbed by existing staff and resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGR revenues collected by the ADRA by an indeterminable amount in FY 27 and subsequent fiscal years associated with additional fees authorized by this measure.

According to the ADRA, the LDH's Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) reports that between 510 and 529 peer support specialists are currently registered with the department. The ADRA estimates that revenues from these additional fees could generate up to \$65,000 in FY 27 from the transition of peer support professionals currently registered through OBH, as well as any new applications received during the first year. The fee amounts are subject to approval by the ADRA board and are not quantifiable until implementation. The ADRA notes that, without direct knowledge of application and renewal trends, it is difficult to project revenue growth in the out-years. However, peer support services are expected to grow minimally beginning in FY 28. ADRA estimates that fee collections will be sufficient to offset projected expenditure increases.

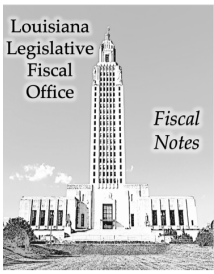
Note: Actual fees collected by the ADRA are unknown at this time. The LFO is unable to corroborate any revenue collections associated with additional fees. Actual revenues will depend on the fees set by ADRA, the transition of existing peer support professionals from OBH, and the number of new individuals who choose to register with ADRA.

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Peer Support Professional Fees:

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Minimum Fee</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>
Application Processing Fee	\$50	\$300
Written Examination Administration Fee	\$100	\$300
Renewal Fee	\$100	\$300

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