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Bill Number:	S. 0445 Introduced on January 25, 2023
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Subject:	Recovery Housing
Requestor:	Senate Medical Affairs
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs
Impact Date:	March 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) to approve one credentialing entity within six months of the effective date of this article, for the purpose of developing and administering a voluntary certification program for organizations operating recovery housing and administrators of recovery housing. Additionally, this bill requires the approved credentialing entity to establish recovery housing certification requirements and procedures based upon nationally recognized quality standards. Further, a state agency, an employee or agent of a state agency, or a vendor with a state contract that provides services for prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance use disorders, may not refer a person to recovery housing unless the recovery housing is certified pursuant to this article. The section of the bill pertaining to a state agency's requirement to refer a patient to certified recovering housing takes effect eighteen months after approval of the Governor. The remaining portions of the bill take effect upon approval by the Governor.

DAODAS currently contracts with a certifying entity, the South Carolina Association of Recovery Residences, for $50,000. If this bill is implemented, there is expected to be an increase in the number of homes that will be applying for certification. Therefore, DAODAS estimates that an additional staff member will be employed by the contractor to accomplish the increased workload. DAODAS anticipates that contract costs will increase by an estimated $50,000. However, the agency anticipates beings about to absorb this amount within its current appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 25, 2023
State Expenditure
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State Revenue
N/A

Local Expenditure
N/A

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