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Honorable Lee Hawkins  
Chairman, House Health  
401-C State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note  
House Bill (LC 46 1051)

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

The bill sets conditions and exemptions regarding the authorization and regulation of teledentistry performed by licensed dentists in Georgia. This legislation would require dentists seeking to practice teledentistry to notify the Georgia Board of Dentistry, providing proof of a physical office used for dental services and a referral relationship with a referred dentist who practices in the state of Georgia. Approved teledentistry activities are limited to generally accepted services provided by dental hygienists, the prescription of medications excluding controlled substances, authorizing digital scans, transmitting patient information, and providing consultation to another provider regarding the patient's care. Additionally, this legislation allows for the coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry.

The Georgia Board of Dentistry, the state board responsible for regulating and enforcing the standards of the practice of dentistry indicated in the bill, is administratively attached to the Department of Community Health (DCH). While DCH is not expected to experience any fiscal impact, the Board of Dentistry indicated that additional administrative staff is needed to satisfy the reporting requirements outlined in the proposed legislation. They estimate an annual cost of \$78,000 to hire an additional licensing analyst, including salary and fringe benefits.

The Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire (OCI) is the agency responsible for the insurance provisions in the bill. OCI is expected to have only minimal administrative costs associated with rule promulgation. Given this, OCI indicated that they can implement the provisions outlined in this bill with current resources and staff.

Respectfully,

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