

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 222 - SB 1202**

March 29, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a privilege between a “peer support group counselor” and a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel. Prohibits a “peer support group counselor” from being compelled to testify about any communication made to the counselor by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel unless such person gives consent.

Defines “peer support group counselor” for purposes of the privilege created by the bill.

The counselors must be designated by the sheriff, police chief, fire chief, director of emergency medical services, colonel of the Tennessee highway patrol, or the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The bill creates a privilege between a peer support group counselor and a law enforcement officer or first responder. It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact law enforcement or first responder operations for the State or local governments.
- The Sheriffs’ Association, TBI, Department of Safety, and County Technical Assistance Service report that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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