

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1206 - SB 1390**

March 24, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force (ASDTF) and establishes the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder (TCASD) for the purpose of establishing a long-term plan for a system of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. The Council shall consist of 13 members. Establishes that no member shall receive compensation, nor shall they receive reimbursement for any expenses incurred in concert with attending meetings or performing duties for the Council. The duties of the Council include:

- Assessing the current and future impact of ASD on the residents of Tennessee;
- Assessing the availability of programs and services currently provided for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of ASD;
- Seeking additional input and recommendations from a board representing stakeholders that includes, but is not limited to, providers, clinicians, institutions of higher education and those concerned with the health and quality of life for individuals with ASD;
- Developing a comprehensive statewide plan for an integrated system of training, treatment, and services for individuals of all ages with ASD;
- Ensuring interagency collaboration as the comprehensive statewide system of care for ASD is developed and implemented;
- Coordinate available resources related to developing and implementing a system of care for ASD; and
- Coordinating state budget requests related to systems of care for individuals with ASD based on the studies and recommendations of the TCASD.

This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2015. The TCASD will be terminated on June 30, 2017.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$89,800/FY15-16/Tennessee Council on Autism  
Spectrum Disorder  
\$85,500/FY16-17/Tennessee Council on Autism  
Spectrum Disorder**

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 1010 of 2014 created the ASDTF.
- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the Task Force never convened; therefore, there were no expenditures incurred relative to the operation of the task force.

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- Based on information provided by DOH, it will need one Public Health Program Director-2 to perform administrative duties and assist the Council with its various responsibilities. This is consistent with the staffing levels of other advisory councils administered by the department.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$85,478 (salary \$52,000 + benefits \$23,400 + FICA \$3,978 + office lease \$4,100 + network/communications/supplies/miscellaneous \$2,000) and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$4,300 (computer \$1,600 + office furniture \$2,700).
- Total FY15-16 expenditures are \$89,778 (\$85,478 + \$4,300).
- Total FY16-17 expenditures are \$85,478.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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