

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 397 - HB 566

February 15, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a public institution of higher education, under the authority of Tenn. Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapters 8 or 9, from disciplining, expelling, remediating, or taking other adverse action against a student in a counseling, social work, or psychology program because the student refuses to counsel or serve a client as a result of the student's religious beliefs. Requires the objecting student's supervising instructor or professor, in consultation with any director or agency in which an internship or practicum may be occurring, to coordinate a referral for the client so that counseling or other services can be provided.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No change in higher education curriculum for majors in counseling, social, or psychology.
- No increase in higher education faculty members to coordinate referrals for objecting students.

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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