

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1498 – SB 1487

February 26, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Exempts religious organizations and institutions that provide limited respite care services programs from licensure for providing adult day care. Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make site visits to ensure compliance with new exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (012938, 013403):** Amendment 012938 deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are requiring a limited respite care services program to: (1) maintain records that include, at a minimum, dates and times of each adult's attendance; (2) provide care services for less than 15 adults at the same time; and (3) not administer medications to adults while under the program's care.

Amendment 013403 adds language to specify "religious institution" or "religious organization" as an entity exempt from registration as a bona fide religious institution pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-101-502

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

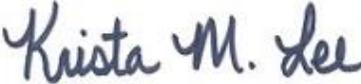
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- DHS does not currently regulate religious organizations and institutions that provide limited respite care services. Therefore, exempting such entities from licensure requirements will not result in a significant loss of fee revenue.
- Based on information provided by the DHS, the number of programs that elect to register under this exemption is not anticipated to be unmanageably high and site visits to ensure compliance can be accomplished utilizing existing resources.
- The proposed legislation will have a minimal effect on policy or program operations of DHS; any fiscal impact will be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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