

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 972 - HB 1135

February 27, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who provides services in a community mental health center to arrange for the required personal review of the APRN's charts by a collaborating physician in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic.

Authorizes a physician assistant (PA) authorized to prescribe drugs, who provides services in a community mental health center, to arrange for the required personal review of the PA's charts by a collaborating physician in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004785): Adds language to the proposed legislation that defines "collaborating physician" as a physician with the authority to make the prescriptions that the APRN can make in Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-7-123(b)(6) and further defines "collaborating physician" as a physician with the authority to make the prescriptions that the PA can make in Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-19-107(2)(I).

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the proposed legislation will not impact any programs or policies of the Department or health related boards; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation only applies to community mental health centers which are private organizations.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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