

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 150 – SB 194**

February 2, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines "alternative treatments" a physician is required to discuss with a patient prior to prescribing an opioid medication as including, but not limited to, chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-164(a)(4)(A)(i)(c), before prescribing an opioid medication, a physician is required to discuss with the patient reasonable alternatives to opioids for treating or managing the patient's condition or symptoms and the benefits and risks of the alternative treatments.
- This legislation defines "alternative treatments" as including, but not limited to: chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids.
- Passage of this legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Health (DOH); therefore, any fiscal impact to DOH is considered not significant.

**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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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