

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 879 – SB 771

March 20, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to create a loan forgiveness program for specified mental health professionals, within the limits of available funding. Requires the program to be funded by a federal grant from the new National Health Services Corps of the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Establishes that funding is contingent upon qualification of this state as a federally designated health professional shortage area.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the Department of Health is awarded a federal grant, any such funding would be expended to create the proposed program. The extent and timing of any such grant and subsequent expenditures for the program is unknown.**

Assumptions:

- The DOH will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to seek a grant from the HRSA to create the loan forgiveness program for mental health professionals.
- The loan forgiveness program will be created only if Tennessee qualifies as a federally designated health professional shortage area and a federal grant is received.
- To the extent the DOH is awarded a federal grant, any such funding would be expended to create the proposed program. The extent and timing of any such grant and subsequent expenditures for the program is unknown.

**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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