

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1889

February 1, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds “occupational therapy” to the list of alternative treatments a healthcare practitioner is required to disclose and explain to a patient or the patient’s legal representative before consent may be obtained for treatment with an opioid.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-164(a)(5)(A)(i)(c), before prescribing an opioid, a healthcare practitioner is required to discuss reasonable alternatives to opioids for treating and managing the patient’s condition or symptoms and the benefits and risks of alternative treatments.
- The definition of “alternative treatments” currently includes, but is not limited to, treatments such as chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other such treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids.
- Adding “occupational therapy” to the list of alternative treatments a healthcare practitioner is required to disclose and explain will not have an effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be 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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