

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2244 - SB 2175

February 14, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a state-owned or state-operated hospital or treatment resource that receives a person transported for an emergency involuntary admission, to have a licensed advance practice nurse (APN) working under the supervision of a licensed physician, or a licensed physician assistant (PA) working under the supervision of a licensed physician examine the person to determine whether the person is subject to admission.

If the person is subject to admission, then the licensed APN, or licensed PA is authorized to complete a certificate of need (CON) for the emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment and the person who took the service recipient to the hospital or treatment resource can then apply for the admission for the purpose of emergency diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment.

Requires a licensed physician to execute the second CON if the individual is being admitted to a hospital or treatment resource that is not owned or operated by the state and if the first CON was not executed by a licensed physician.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation authorizes APNs and PAs, under the supervision of a physician, to complete the required second CON at the state Rural Mental Health Institutes and issue an order for admission instead of requiring the physician to do the examination and second CON.
- This process will decrease the time it takes to get individuals admitted; however, it will not result in significant savings because the current staffing levels will remain the same. 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.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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