

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 199 – HB 384

February 13, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder (Council) to establish a long-term plan for a system of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families. The Council will be administratively attached to the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and will make recommendations and provide leadership in program development regarding matters concerning all levels of autism spectrum disorder services, including, but not limited to, health care, education, and other adult, adolescent, and children's services. Deletes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce (ASDT). Adds the Council to the sunset cycle provisions under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, thereby creating a termination date for the Council of June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (003081, 003489, 003505):** Amendment 003081 adds language to the original bill to designate the Executive Director of the Commission on Children and Youth, or the Executive Director's designee, as an additional member on the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Amendment 003489 deletes and replaces language that extends the termination date for the Council to June 30, 2019, rather than June 30, 2018.

Amendment 003505 adds language to the amended bill that: (1) changes, from six to nine, the number of adults who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, or who are either family members or primary caregivers of persons with autism spectrum disorder, to serve as members of the Council and (2) changes, from two to three, the number of adult members who are to represent each grand division of the state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Public Chapter 1010 of Public Acts 2014 created the ASDT.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the ASDT never convened; therefore, no expenditures were incurred relative to operation of the task force.
- Based on information provided by the DIDD, any administrative functions associated with the Council can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Council will consist of 18 members and will meet quarterly; however, and pursuant to the provisions of this bill as amended, no council member will receive compensation or reimbursement for travel or other expenses incurred in attending any meeting or in performing any duties of the Council.
- The Comptroller of the Treasury, the Division of Audit, will accommodate any additional auditing responsibilities as a result of the addition of the Council to the statutory sunset provisions utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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