

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 758 - HB 899

March 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits health benefit plan providers that provide coverage for cancer therapy from holding proton radiation therapy to a higher standard of clinical evidence for medical policy benefit coverage decisions than the health plan requires for coverage of any other radiation therapy treatment. Specifies that this is not a mandate of coverage for proton radiation therapy by a health benefit plan.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation specifically states it does not mandate any coverage of proton radiation therapy by health benefit plans. It merely requires that proton radiation therapy not be held to a higher standard of clinical evidence for medical policy benefit coverage than any other forms of radiation therapy treatment.
- The proposed legislation will not affect any health plans offered through the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Health Care Finance and Administration, or any state or local health plans administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Department can enforce the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant direct fiscal impact on businesses due to coverage of proton radiation therapy not being required; therefore, any impact on commerce or jobs in the state of Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



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