



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 42 of the 131st G.A.

Date: June 23, 2015

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Beagle

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Minors and outpatient mental health treatment

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill lowers the age at which a minor can request outpatient mental health services, excluding the use of medication, without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian from 14 to 11. There could be a minimal cost to the Medicaid Program for any additional minors that utilize this option.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill lowers the age at which a minor can request outpatient mental health services, excluding the use of medication, without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian from 14 to 11. Current law states that a minor may receive six mental health sessions. The bill removes the requirement that the outpatient services must be provided within 30 days or six sessions to minors, whichever occurs sooner. Continuing law does not hold the minor's parent or guardian liable for costs of the sessions. According to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, these sessions would likely be paid for by the Medicaid Program. There could be a minimal cost to the Medicaid Program for any additional minors that utilize this option. Currently, after the sixth session, the mental health professional must terminate the services or, with the consent of the minor, notify the parent, or guardian, to obtain consent to provide further outpatient services. Payment for any additional mental health services are the responsibilities of the parent or guardian.

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