



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

PRINTERS NO. 502

PRIME SPONSOR: Pickett

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 478, Printer's Number 502, creates the Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires outpatient psychiatric clinics to have a psychiatrist on site for two hours of psychiatric time per week for each full-time equivalent treatment staff member employed by the clinic. Fifty percent of the required on-site psychiatric time may be provided by other advanced practice professionals specializing in behavioral health with prescriptive authority in PA. Telepsychiatry may be utilized, but will not count towards the required psychiatric time.

The Department of Human Services is responsible for promulgating regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact anticipated related to passage of this legislation.

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DATE: March 22, 2017

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.