



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 197

Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Safety Sponsor: Representative Chip Brown

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House Bill 197 as passed the House of Representatives would create the 20-member Veterans Mental Health Steering Committee to develop a comprehensive plan to address Alabama Veterans behavioral health needs. Additionally, this bill would increase the obligations of the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH): (1) to align the comprehensive plan with state and national behavioral health standards; and (2) possibly to establish pilot projects utilizing existing evidence-based services certified by ADMH. This bill further provides that implementation of this bill and establishment of any pilot projects by ADMH shall be contingent upon new funds appropriated by the Legislature and prohibits diverting existing resources for any purposes of this bill.