



March 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a peer supporter during a critical incident stress management intervention from being compelled to testify or divulge certain communications with a person participating in the crisis intervention. Specifies these communications are considered confidential.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005560): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the definition of “crisis intervention” to include services rendered prior to a disaster. Expands the definition of “crisis response services” to include prevention and intervention.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 24-1-204(a)(1)-(2), crisis intervention means a session at which crisis response services are rendered by a critical incident stress management team member or leader during or after a crisis or disaster and crisis response services means consultation, risk assessment, referral and crisis intervention services provided by a critical incident stress management team to individuals affected by crisis or disaster.
- In civil or criminal proceeding, some communications between specific relationships are considered privileged and inadmissible. These include married persons, clergy, psychiatrists, press, and interpreters.
- Including services rendered prior to and issues of prevention and intervention during a critical incident stress management intervention in privileged communication will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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