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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill:	S.B. 42 of the 131st G.A.	Date:	December 6, 2016
Status:	As Reported by Senate Health & Human Services	Sponsor:	Sen. Beagle

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Minors and outpatient mental health treatment

State Fiscal Highlights

• The bill limits the number of outpatient mental health sessions that a minor can request to six (rather than not more than six sessions or 30 days of services, whichever occurs sooner). There could be a minimal cost to the Medicaid Program if any additional sessions are provided.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Current law states that a minor 14 years of age or older may request mental health outpatient sessions without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. The services provided are to be limited to no more than six sessions or 30 days of services, whichever occurs sooner. The bill limits to six the number of sessions that may be provided (rather than six sessions or 30 days of services, 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 if there are any additional sessions provided as a result of the provision. Currently, after the sixth session or 30 days of services, 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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