

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 2419

**PRINTER NO.** 2841

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 16, 2022

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Pickett

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 2419 amends the Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act (act) to allow outpatient psychiatric clinics to satisfy required psychiatric time through telebehavioral health technology with Department of Human Services approval.

The bill amends the act to remove the statutory requirement that 50 percent of required psychiatric time be provided by an on-site psychiatrist. Required time may be provided either in-person or using telebehavioral health technology as specified in department regulations or waivers.

This act shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 2419 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.