

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1462
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Research Analysis

HB 1462, as introduced, creates the Music Therapy Practice Act to regulate music therapy services offered to the public. The measure authorizes the Disability Determination Services Division (DDSD) of the Dept. of Human Services (DHS) to promulgate rules related to licensure, fees, training standards and academic program standards. In order to be eligible for licensure, an applicant must meet certain requirements, including being a graduate of an approved bachelor's degree program and successfully completing a board certification exam, with exceptions for previously-certified music therapists. The measure also creates a five-member Music Therapy Practice Board appointed by the Director of DHS to advise the DDSD. Membership includes three music therapists, one member of the public and the director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or designee. Violations of provisions of the act warrant a misdemeanor, punishable by license revocation or suspension, probation or a fine of up to \$500.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), there are approximately 24 persons that are known to be license eligible to provide Music Therapy in Oklahoma. The responsibility for determining standards will be with the national Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT). OKDHS would expect a person requesting licensure to meet all requirements and have certification by the CBMT, prior to being license eligible in Oklahoma.

Since there are so few persons believed to be license eligible in Oklahoma, OKDHS believes that it can provide administrative support to the Music Therapy Practice Board without any additional FTEs. OKDHS believes that the bill has no fiscal impact to Developmental Disabilities Service Division. OKDHS believes it would have to promulgate a \$100 annual license fee to pay for associated costs relate to travel..

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Other Considerations

None