

# Legislative Director's Report

Keeping our TMTA members up to date on any Legislative happenings in Tennessee ...

## Priority News:

No rulemaking hearing about possible fee increase at this time. Massage Board has sent proposal to OGC to start the process, and Marc Guilford (board attorney) is hoping to have OGC approval in order to have rulemaking hearing at May meeting.

## Statistical report: (as of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)

### Therapists:

Active Licensees 4453

### Establishments:

Active Licensees 1624

## Office of General Counsel (OGC):

### Rulemaking:

Working on a rulemaking to amend the rules to increase fees and also relating to reciprocity licensure. Hope to have rulemaking hearing by May 2021.

### Legislation:

2021 legislative session has begun, and bill filing deadline will be about February 11, 2021. Have not seen any bills filed that specifically mention massage profession or board.

## General Information:

### Annual Institution Report (July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

- \* 21 approved programs
- \* 8 program unreported
- \* 12 active programs
- \* 454 students enrolled (down 23% from previous year - 129 students)
- \* 223 students graduated (up 7.4% from previous year - 27 students)
- \* 63% graduation rate (down 14% from previous year)
- \* 73 students withdrew / dismissed (16%)
- \* 123 students sat for the Mblex exam (55%)

### Programs below exam pass rate:

2016 - 2017 - 11

2017 - 2018 - 7

2018 - 2019 - 5

2019 - 2020 - 2 (possibly incomplete / inaccurate due to COVID-19)

## For Your Information:

A reminder for therapists - licensure renewals can be done online by visiting the board's website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/ml-board/ml-board/licensure.html>

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TN Massage Board will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9am. At this time, we do not know if we will be meeting in person or if the meeting will again be held via WebEx).

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