

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2418 - SB 2830

March 17, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that persons enrolled in TennCare because they are uninsurable due to a pre-existing condition shall not be eligible for a covered organ transplant for one year. Such persons will be eligible for a transplant if they had health insurance covering the condition within 60 days of TennCare enrollment, they were a resident of Tennessee, and they continued medical coverage under COBRA for the maximum allowable period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000
Other Fiscal Impact - Decreases Federal Expenditures -
Exceeds \$200,000

Assumes some decrease in expenditures from a decline in the number of TennCare enrollees eligible for such organ transplants. The bill will require changing the TennCare waiver. The Department of Health has stated that the provisions of the bill likely violate the TennCare waiver and existing Medicaid rules and that such a change may not be approved by the Health Care Finance Administration.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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