

FISCAL NOTE

HB 392 - SB 771

March 19, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends child support law to clarify that TennCare does not satisfy the requirement for a non-custodial parent, with access to health insurance, to provide coverage for the child. Makes TennCare the payer of last resort in such cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

According to the Department of Human Services, current law requires that a non-custodial parent with access to health insurance to also cover the child. However, by making it clear that TennCare does not satisfy this requirement if private insurance is available, some enrollees may be removed from TennCare. The amount of such decrease cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant. The Bureau of TennCare says that federal law already makes TennCare the payer of last resort.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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