

FISCAL NOTE
SB 3895 - HB 4011

March 25, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises certain provisions regarding the TennCare program and requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to provide the General Assembly with annual updates on prescription drugs in nursing homes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Bureau of TennCare will not incur a significant increase in state expenditures for updating the Bureau's website and including additional language in materials about prescription drug discount plans. The Bureau will not incur a significant decrease in expenditures for no longer accepting or processing any applications, requests, or renewal forms for TennCare coverage for any individuals that do not fall into eligible categories.
- The Comptroller will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to annually report to the General Assembly regarding any new or updating information concerning the use and cost of prescription drugs in nursing homes.
- The establishment of a TennCare foundation to accept and review applications for medical assistance submitted on behalf of certain TennCare enrollees could have a fiscal impact on expenditures. The Governor shall determine the size and composition of the foundation's membership. Expenditures will be dependent on the size of the membership and if such members receive compensation for their service. There will be some administrative expenses for the foundation which are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director