

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 277 - SB 1798**

March 2, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Bureau of TennCare to render an enrollee ineligible to receive benefits after it is determined that the enrollee has committed an act to defraud the TennCare program. An enrollee whose eligibility has been revoked shall not receive benefits for at least one year and until full restitution has been made to the program.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

Assumptions:

- The bill authorizes the revoking of benefits only to the extent permitted by the terms of relevant court orders and decrees and any applicable federal waiver.
- In 2004, the Bureau of TennCare requested approval to terminate enrollees guilty of fraud from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) but the request was refused.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, federal law per CMS does not specifically authorize the disqualifications of an enrollee who has committed fraud.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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