

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1588 - HB 1550**

March 10, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates guidelines in which a licensed renal dialysis clinic can employ licensed physicians other than radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, or emergency physicians. Prohibits a renal dialysis clinic from restricting a physician's right to practice upon termination of conclusion of a contract or from engaging in any business other than employing and managing physicians, health care facilities or functioning as a tissue bank or organ procurement agency.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, renal dialysis clinics are not prohibited from employing physicians. Any necessary rule changes will occur during regularly scheduled meetings of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities or the Board of Medical Examiners. Any increase in cost will be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had a negative closing balance of \$440,300 in FY06-07 and a negative closing balance of \$217,700 in FY07-08.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.

**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, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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