

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3549 - SB 3388

February 6, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Governor, when filling an open position on the Board of Optometry, to consult with interested optometric groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians (TAOP), that are authorized to submit a list of nominees to be appointed to the Board. The Governor is authorized, but not required, to fill the opening from the list of nominees provided to him. Requires a temporary Board member, filling a vacancy created by death, to serve until the Governor makes an appointment to permanently fill the position. Removes the requirement for the Governor to select such member from the list of names submitted by TAOP.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed revisions to the process of appointing members to the Board will not result in a significant administrative or fiscal impact on the Board or the Governor's Office.
- 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, 2011, the Board had a balance of \$354,562.37.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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