

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1875 - SB 2383

March 26, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes certain requirements for applicants of specialty dentistry certifications.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014237): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a duly licensed dentist to apply for a certificate as a specialist, provided certain requirements are met. Authorizes the Board of Dentistry to recognize specialty certification of dentists from another state if such state's requirements are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this state. Prohibits any school, course, or program from granting credentialed status or from graduating individuals for credentialed status, or its equivalent, in any particular branch of dentistry or any specific area of the practice of dentistry that is not listed as recognized in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-112.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, the Board of Dentistry does not currently charge a fee for a specialty application.
- According to the Board, this act will streamline the specialty certification process.
- This will have no significant impact on the Department or Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had closing balances of \$720,837 in FY11-12, \$825,962 in FY12-13, and a closing reserve balance of \$3,496,920 on June 30, 2013.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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