

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1427 - SB 1631

February 4, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a licensed healthcare practitioner to prescribe an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose or a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose. Such prescribing practitioner must provide written communication establishing a factual basis that a person is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose. Prior to a person being able to assist with administration of an opiate antagonist, such person must successfully complete an online overdose prevention program offered by the Department of Health. The department is required to create and maintain an online education program that can educate the general public on the administration of opioid antagonists, including appropriate techniques and follow-up procedures for dealing with opioid related drug. Provides a prescribing physician or person administering opiate antagonists immunity from civil liability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- According to the Department of Health, the creation and maintenance of the required online education program will not result in a significant increase in expenditures and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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