

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 192 - HB 186

March 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a court committing a defendant to a licensed public hospital or treatment resource other than a state facility to notify the appropriate state authority. Prohibits an insurer or carrier that provides accident or health insurance, a nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation, a health, hospital or medical service corporation, a health maintenance organization, including any that participates in TennCare or any successor program, a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA), a preferred provider organization, a pharmacy benefit management organization, or other network providing health benefits from delivering, as well as marketing or selling, a patient's identifying or health information unless the patient consents to the delivery. Requires the Commissioner of Health to consult with the Bureau of TennCare as well as the Tennessee Hospital Association concerning early completion of the joint annual report or special reports. Requires a TennCare enrollee to mail documentation to the Bureau of any material change in information provided when applying for TennCare within 15 days, instead of 30 days, of any change.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the commitment notification requirement can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- According to the Department of Health, the requirements of the bill can be accommodated within existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, the bill will not affect the programs or operations of the Bureau. The fiscal impact of the bill will be not significant.

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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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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