

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 221 - HB 482

February 23, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires physicians in a hospital emergency department who have been presented with a case involving an overdose of a controlled substance to consult the controlled substance database and check whether such patient has been prescribed a controlled substance. If such substance has been prescribed, the physician is required to report the overdose to the Board of Medical Examiners and any other appropriate health-related board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, any increase in expenditures to train health care facilities' survey staff to review reports and determine hospital and physician compliance with the proposed requirements will be not significant.
- According to the Department, this bill will result in no significant fiscal impact to the Board of Medical Examiners or the Board of Osteopathic Examination.
- Any required rule-making by the Board can be handled within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had closing balances of \$613,808 in FY10-11, \$687,808 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$2,153,016 on June 30, 2012. The Board of Osteopathic Examination had closing balances of \$132,030 in FY10-11, \$117,644 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$345,204 on June 30, 2012.

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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