

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 976 - HB 1211

March 1, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Places certain conditions on physician assistants and nurse practitioners who are authorized to prescribe Schedule II, III, or IV drugs by requiring the substances to be authorized by the formulary or expressly approved after consultation with the supervising physician for the initial issuance of the prescription or dispensing. Limits the prescription or issuance of an opioid or benzodiazepine listed on the formulary to a maximum, non-refillable, 30-day course of treatment unless approved by a supervising physician. .

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, any additional investigatory duties required of the Department's Office of General Counsel can be handled within existing resources.
- Any cost incurred to the Boards of Medical Examiners and Nursing due to increased complaints and disciplinary actions will not be significant and can be accommodated 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 and \$687,808 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$2,153,016 on June 30, 2012. The Board of Nursing had closing balances of \$1,720,424 in FY10-11 and \$1,277,018 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$3,278,591 on June 30, 2012.

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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