

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1915 - HB 1823

February 24, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Health Services and Development Agency (HSDA) from granting a certificate of need for a nonresidential methadone treatment center unless the local legislative body with territorial jurisdiction over the land where the treatment center is proposed provides a letter to HSDA indicating support for granting the certificate of need.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

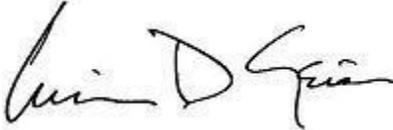
Other Fiscal Impact – The provisions of the bill could result in litigation costs for the state. It is unknown how often or to what extent those costs may occur; therefore a precise fiscal impact cannot be determined. Any increase is estimated to exceed \$5,000 per case.

Assumptions:

- Under current law, if a local government requests to participate in a hearing conducted by the HSDA regarding certificates of need for nonresidential methadone treatment centers, the local government is given the opportunity to express support or opposition for the certificate of need being awarded. Support of the local government is not required for the certificate of need to be granted by the HSDA.
- The provisions of the bill would require the support of the local government prior to the certificate of need being granted.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Attorney General's Office, and HSDA, the provisions of the bill may result in litigation costs for the state. A precise increase in state expenditures is indeterminable, however is reasonably estimated to exceed \$5,000 per case.
- Any meeting of the local legislative body to discuss the certificate of need can be accomplished at a regularly scheduled meeting.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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