

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1723 - HB 1906

February 24, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes a licensed podiatrist to supervise a licensed physician assistant. Requires any podiatrist supervising a physician assistant to comply with requirements currently applicable to physicians when supervising a physician assistant, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-19-106 and 63-19-107.

Prohibits a physician assistant that is being supervised by a podiatrist from providing services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist. Establishes that a physician assistant being supervised by a podiatrist may only prescribe drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry.

Authorizes the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to discipline a licensed physician for any unprofessional conduct committed when utilizing the services of a physician assistant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011986):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: authorizes a licensed podiatrist to supervise an orthopedic physician assistant and requires such podiatrist to comply with requirements applicable to physicians and orthopedic physicians when supervising an orthopedic physician assistant pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-19-203 and 63-19-205; prohibits an orthopedic physician assistant that is being supervised by a licensed podiatrist from providing services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist; establishes that an orthopedic physician assistant being supervised by a podiatrist may only prescribe drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry; and authorizes the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to discipline a licensed physician for any unprofessional conduct committed when utilizing the services of an orthopedic physician assistant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

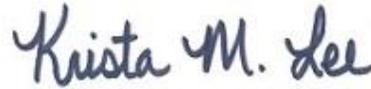
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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine may supervise a physician assistant.
- Authorizing a podiatrist to supervise a physician assistant or an orthopedic physician assistant will have no significant fiscal impact upon state or local government.
- Any rulemaking required by the Committee on Physician Assistants, Board of Osteopathic Examination, or the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners can be completed during regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee or Board, respectively.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period.
- The Committee on Physician Assistants had a surplus of \$83,400 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$135,490 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$602,830 on June 30, 2015.
- The Board of Osteopathic Examination had a surplus of \$94,728 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$72,782 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$614,410 on June 30, 2015.
- The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners had a surplus of \$27,683 in FY13-14, \$45,010 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$243,759 on June 30, 2015.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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