

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2123 - HB 2423

February 29, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Replaces “advance practice nurses (APNs)” with “advance practice registered nurses (APRNs)” in Tennessee Code Annotated. Replaces the current requirement for an APN to hold an APN certificate with a new requirement that an APRN shall hold an APRN license.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012638): Deletes and rewrites certain language of the bill such that the only substantive change is removing the requirement that an APN hold a Board-issued license rather than a certificate.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

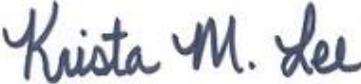
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently an APN must hold an APN certificate and an RN license.
- The Board of Nursing issues APN certificates to qualified RNs who have acquired national specialty certification and paid all applicable fees.
- The Board of Nursing can make any necessary changes to its rules during regularly scheduled meetings.
- The Tennessee Code Commission will make the appropriate changes in statute in the normal course of business without any increased expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two year period. The Board of Nursing had surpluses of \$1,168,922 in FY13-14, \$1,363,944 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$7,635,110 on June 30, 2015.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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