

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2122 - HB 2422

March 1, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who holds a certificate of fitness, or a physician assistant (PA) who provides services at a free or reduced free clinic, to arrange medical charts such that they can be reviewed by a supervising physician at the physician's office, practice site, or remotely via Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant means.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012832):** Adds language to the bill which defines "HIPAA-compliant."

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, a physician is not required to be on-site to review the charts of a patient; therefore, this legislation will have no significant impact on the requirements of physicians in the provision of healthcare services.
- Pursuant to Board of Medical Examiners rule 0880-06-.02(9), a physician must visit each remote site at least once every 30 days.
- Physicians will continue to visit remote sites at least once every 30 days. As a result, any fiscal impact resulting from the bill is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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