

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1850 - HB 2447

March 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Office of Vital Records to notify the Controlled Substance Database Committee (CSDC), and the CSDC shall investigate, whenever a death certificate identifies an individual's cause of death as an overdose of opiates for which such drugs were prescribed, in order to identify the prescribers that may have been associated with the person's death and whether the prescribers acted in good faith. Requires the CSDC to refer the names of any such prescribers to the appropriate health-related board and further requires the CSDC to comply with applicable confidentiality and privacy standards set by state and federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$21,500/One-Time/Division of Health Related Boards
\$581,800/Recurring/Division of Health Related Boards

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013562): Deletes all language in the original bill. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), upon request, to obtain access to records maintained by any facility licensed by the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, to help facilitate investigations of opioid drug overdose. Requires the DOH, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop data reporting elements and a short-term mechanism for near real-time electronic access to such records by July 1, 2016. Requires the DOH to implement the short-term reporting mechanism by October 1, 2016. Requires the DOH, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a long-term electronic real-time reporting plan utilizing electronic processes for opioid drug abuse, overdoses, and overdose deaths by January 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

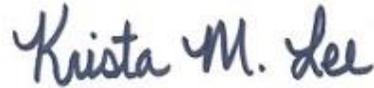
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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, the Department can develop reporting plans and systems that meet the short-term and long-term requirements of this proposed legislation.
- Any additional investigatory work required of the DOH will be limited to the extent such work can be handled by current investigators in the Department.
- According to the DOH, the requirements of this proposed legislation can be accomplished utilizing existing staff during normal work hours.

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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