

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2468 – SB 2445

March 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a healthcare provider and a government contractor to enter into a contract to provide volunteer healthcare services to low-income patients. Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a quality assurance program to monitor the provision of volunteer healthcare services and to annually report, no later than January 1, to the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leaders of both Houses of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, and the Chair of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives. Requires the DOH to maintain a list of all healthcare providers authorized to provide volunteer healthcare services under this chapter on the Department's website. Authorizes the DOH to promulgate rules for purposes of implementing this chapter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,700/One-Time
\$264,400/Recurring

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014147): Adds language to the bill which requires any rule promulgated to implement the provisions of this legislation be provided by the Secretary of State to the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, after approval by the Attorney General, and at the same time the text of the rule is made available to the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives for purposes of conducting the review provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-226 and affording the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate an opportunity to comment on the rule.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

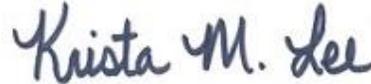
- Based on information provided by the DOH, creating a quality assurance program to monitor the provision of volunteer services cannot be performed within existing resources.

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- The DOH will need to hire one Program Director 2, one Epidemiologist 2, and one Administrative Services Assistant 3 to implement the requirements of the proposed legislation.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$13,700 (\$5,600 computer setup + \$8,100 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$264,351 (\$179,424 salaries + \$60,327 benefits + \$2,800 communications + \$1,800 supplies + \$20,000 travel expenses).
- Based on information provided by the Bureau of TennCare, it is not likely a significant number of providers will choose to offer voluntary unpaid services to TennCare enrollees, therefore; any fiscal impact to the Bureau would be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the proposed legislation will not have any effect on the department's programs or operations; any fiscal impact to the department will be not significant.
- The Secretary of State and Attorney General can perform any functions specified in amendment 014147 using existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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