

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 31 - SB 157

January 29, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the Intractable Pain Treatment Act (IPTA) which authorized the use of opiate-based regimens of treatment of intractable pain, or pain in which the cause cannot be removed in the generally accepted course of medical practice from statute. Requires, within 180 days of this bill's enactment on July 1, 2015, the Board of Medical Examiners to repeal any rules promulgated as a result of the IPTA.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The IPTA was enacted by Public Chapter 327 of 2001. Removing this act will have no significant fiscal impact on the Department of Health or any health related board.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from the repeal of the Board of Medical Examiners rules will not be significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-sufficient over a two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had a closing balance of \$288,380 in FY12-13, a deficit of \$75,431 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,365,965 on June 30, 2014.
- It is assumed that the deletion of the IPTA will not have an impact on public health plans administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration or the Bureau of TennCare.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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