

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 456 - SB 680**

February 17, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes the title of “advanced practice nurses (APNs)” to “advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs)”. Prohibits any person who is not a nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist from using the title “advanced practice registered nurse” or the abbreviation “APRN.” Replaces the APN certificate with the APRN license. Authorizes the Board of Nursing to determine whether a certification program may be used as a licensure requirement for advanced practice registered nurses. Authorizes the Board of Nursing to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this legislation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

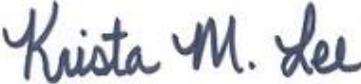
Assumptions:

- Currently, an APN must hold an APN certificate and an RN license. If the APN wishes to prescribe medicine, such individual must apply for a certificate of fitness.
- Pursuant to rule 1000-04-.06 of the Board of Nursing, application for a certificate of fitness is made in conjunction with applying for an APN certificate. The total cost for such application is \$200. The cost for a certificate of fitness is rolled into the total cost for an APN certificate; therefore, this legislation will not result in a decrease in state revenue.
- Historically, the level of education required for a certificate of fitness was higher than that to attain an APN certificate. Levels of education are now higher for APNs; therefore, most applicants for an APN certificate are also eligible for a certificate of fitness.
- This legislation will result in APRN licenses replacing APN certificates. There will be no change to the current fee amount of \$200.
- The Board of Nursing can make any necessary changes to its rules during regularly scheduled meetings.
- 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.

Handwritten signature of Krista M. Lee in black ink.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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