

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 587 - HB 1344

March 20, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health to consult with the District Attorney Generals Conference, the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, and the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services concerning the impact of Public Chapter 820 of 2014 on the utilization of health care and healthcare facilities by women who illegally use narcotic drugs while pregnant. Upon such consultations, the Commissioner of DOH is required to report to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives concerning the Commissioner's findings and recommendations on or before January 15, 2016.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 820 of 2014 established that a pregnant mother can be prosecuted for assaultive offenses if the child is born addicted to or harmed by the women's illegal use of narcotic drugs or for criminal homicide if the child dies as a result of the woman's illegal use of narcotic drugs.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, consulting the appropriate departments and reporting to the appropriate legislative committees will not impact the Department, including the Board of Medical Examiners or Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the District Attorney Generals Conference can provide any information necessary as requested by the Department of Health to effectuate the purposes of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

SB 587 - HB 1344

/jdb