

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1723 - HB 1906

February 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a licensed podiatrist to supervise a licensed physician assistant. Requires any podiatrist supervising a physician assistant to comply with requirements currently applicable to physicians when supervising a physician assistant, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-19-106 and 63-19-107.

Prohibits a physician assistant that is being supervised by a podiatrist from providing services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist. Establishes that a physician assistant being supervised by a podiatrist may only prescribe drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry.

Authorizes the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to discipline a licensed physician for any unprofessional conduct committed when utilizing the services of a physician assistant.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

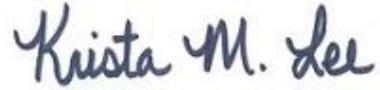
Assumptions:

- Currently, a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine may supervise a physician assistant.
- Authorizing a podiatrist to supervise a physician assistant will have no significant fiscal impact upon state or local government.
- Any rulemaking required by the Committee on Physician Assistants or the Board of Osteopathic Examination can be completed during regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee or Board, respectively.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Committee on Physician Assistants had a surplus of \$83,400 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$135,490 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$602,830 on June 30, 2015. The Board of Osteopathic Examination had a surplus of \$94,728 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$72,782 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$614,410 on June 30, 2015.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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