

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2123 - HB 2423

February 6, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Replaces “advance practice nurses (APNs)” with “advance practice registered nurses (APRNs)” in Tennessee Code Annotated. Replaces the current requirement for an APN to hold an APN certificate with a new requirement that an APRN shall hold an APRN license.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Currently an APN must hold an APN certificate and an RN license.
- The Board of Nursing issues APN certificates to qualified RNs who have acquired national specialty certification and paid all applicable fees.
- The Board of Nursing will issue the APRN license in lieu of the combination APN certificate and RN license. The current fee amounts for an APN certificate and RN license will now be required for an APRN license; therefore, no significant change in revenue.
- The Board of Nursing can make any necessary changes to its rules during regularly scheduled meetings.
- The Tennessee Code Commission will make the appropriate changes in statute in the normal course of business without any increased expenditures.
- 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.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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