

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 629 – SB 1170

March 25, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the state palliative care and quality of life task force within the Department of Health (DOH). The task force is to be composed of nine members who are to consult with and advise the DOH on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state. Requires the DOH to publish information about palliative care and available resources relating to such care on the Department's website. Adds the task force to the sunset cycle provisions under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, thereby creating a termination date for the task force of June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$81,800/FY17-18
\$77,500/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005300): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the state palliative care and quality of life task force. The task force is to be composed of ten members who are to study palliative care and develop recommendations to address problems associated with the availability of palliative care. Requires members of the task force to serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses. Establishes a statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program in the DOH and requires information about palliative care and available resources relating to such care to be published on the department's website. Requires the task force to terminate and stand dissolved and discharged from any other duties on June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$80,900/FY17-18
\$75,200/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, the provisions of proposed legislation cannot be accomplished within existing resources. The Department will require one

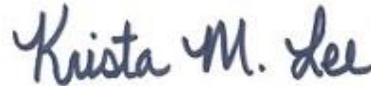
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additional Public Health Program Director 1 position to establish the statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program.

- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$4,300 (\$1,600 computer costs + \$2,700 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$75,238 (\$50,100 salary + \$15,238 benefits + 7,900 administrative cost + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies).
- Two legislative members will serve on the task force and will be allowed per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses. The two legislative members will receive per diem of \$220 for each one-day meeting and \$0.47 per mile for an estimated 262 miles each roundtrip.
- Assuming at least two meetings in FY17-18, the one-time increase in state expenditures occurring in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$1,373 [(\$220 x 2 members x 2 meetings) + (\$0.47 x 262 miles x 2 members x 2 roundtrips)].
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$80,911 (\$4,300 + \$75,238 + \$1,373).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY18-19 is estimated to be \$75,238.
- The Commission on Aging and Disability can provide administrative support for the task force within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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