TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 527 – SB 1349

March 11, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases, from five to three business days, the time period an ambulance service provider has to furnish to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of the patient's run record or records upon request in writing by the patient or representative.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005531): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Extends the Ground Ambulance Provider Assessment Act until June 30, 2020. Requires the Division of TennCare (Division) to charge an ambulance provider a penalty of $50 per calendar day for each day an assessment remains unpaid in full after the date due. Authorizes the Division to waive penalties for a delinquent provider if the provider has entered into a payment plan approved by the Division. Authorizes the Division to reinstate the waived penalties if the provider fails to comply with the terms of the payment plan.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue - $11,881,200/FY19-20/
Ambulance Service Assessment Revenue Fund

Increase State Expenditures - $11,881,200/FY19-20/
Ambulance Service Assessment Revenue Fund

Increase Federal Expenditures - $22,432,700/FY19-20/
Ambulance Service Assessment Revenue Fund

Revenue recognition in the amount of $10,835,000 is included in the Governor's proposed budget (page A-36) for FY19-20. Corresponding non-recurring appropriations in the amount of $31,223,600 ($10,835,000 in state funds and $20,388,600 in federal matching funds) are also included.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of this legislation will extend the Ground Ambulance Provider Assessment Act until June, 30, 2020.
- Based on information provided by the Division, the coverage assessment on ambulance services from extending this Act will result in one-time revenue to the Ambulance Service Assessment Revenue Fund (ASARF) of $11,881,157.
- According to the Division, the $11,881,157 will be expended at a state rate of approximately 34.625 percent; thus prompting a one-time increase in federal expenditures at a federal match rate of approximately 65.375 percent equating to $22,432,654 [$11,881,157 / 34.625%) x 65.375%].

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase Business Revenue – $34,313,900/FY19-20

Increase Business Expenditures – $11,881,200/FY19-20

Jobs Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Ambulance providers will incur a one-time increase in business revenue to cover costs of ground ambulance transport occurring in FY19-20.
- Ambulance service providers will incur a one-time increase in business expenditures in FY19-20 for funding the state portion of the Act.
- The proposed legislation will not increase the number of ambulance service providers. It just extends the Act until June 30, 2020; therefore, any impact to jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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