

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1350 – SB 1128

April 8, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing (BON) to report the concerning workforce needs for nurses in healthcare institutions and facilities, and the need for any beneficial changes to the educational training of nurses in order to meet those needs, to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate on or before January 15, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$500,000/One-Time/Board of Nursing

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Nursing had an annual surplus of \$1,564,664 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$1,674,535 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$10,142,909 on June 30, 2018.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007662):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a registered nurse first assistant be certified in perioperative nursing or certified as an advanced practice registered nurse and qualified by education and training to perform tasks involved in perioperative nursing, as determined by the Board of Nursing. Effective July 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-128(c), an applicant for a certificate to practice as a registered nurse first assistant must pay an initial fee as well as a biennial renewal fee as set by the Board. It is assumed that the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in the number of applicants for such certification.

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- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the procedures or processes of the health related boards or the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
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**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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