

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 720 – SB 1444

February 10, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that a hospital must receive a written request for a more detailed statement of services received and expenses incurred by a patient within one year of the patient's discharge, in order for the hospital to be required to respond.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-220(c)(1), a hospital is required to provide a detailed statement of services received and expenses incurred by a patient upon written request from a patient, an authorized representative, an insurance company, an employer, or other organization responsible for the reimbursement or payment of such services.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-220(c)(3), a request for a more detailed statement must be made within one year of the patient's discharge.
- The proposed legislation establishes that the hospital must receive the written request within one year, as opposed to the request being made within one year, of the patient's discharge.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the procedures or processes of the DOH; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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