

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1350 – SB 1128

March 27, 2019

SUMMARY OF 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.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

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.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the BON previously contracted with the Tennessee Center for Nursing (TCN) to conduct similar research on workforce needs for nurses in healthcare institutions and facilities and the need for any beneficial changes to the educational training of nurses.
- The total cost of the TCN contract was \$500,000.
- The BON will contract with a third party vendor with knowledge and skills in research methodology to determine the gaps in the education of nurses and changes that would be beneficial.
- The exact cost for this contract is unknown, but is assumed to be similar in cost to the previous contract.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures to the BON is estimated to be \$500,000.
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CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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