

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 385 – HB 390

March 26, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to study the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state. Requires all state agencies to assist DOH in conducting the study upon request. Requires DOH to report its findings and recommendations, including legislative and executive actions needed to promote and implement medical interoperability, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, and the Chair of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2019.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$95,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, medical interoperability is the ability of different information systems, devices or applications to connect, in a coordinated manner to exchange data while maintaining the validity and integrity of the data across systems, using standards which define the coding, language and format of the data fields.
- Medical interoperability can be as narrow as device to device communication at the bedside, but may also include communication between health systems, and between health systems and the public health enterprise, as in the reporting of communicable diseases through electronic laboratory reporting.
- To determine the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state, the DOH will contract with a consulting company to conduct analysis and identify the degree of variation among health systems, the perceived needs and barriers to achieving interoperability and the degree of proprietary systems that medical vendors are using in this state.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with contracting with a consulting company to determine the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state is estimated to be \$95,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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