

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 636 - HB 1162**

February 11, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes physician assistants to withdraw blood from a motor vehicle operator, at the written request of a law enforcement officer, for the purpose of conducting a test to determine the alcohol or drug content in an operator's blood.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-10-406, a qualified practitioner who withdraws blood from an operator for the purpose of conducting a test to determine the alcohol or drug content in an operator's blood is limited to certain professions that are trained to draw blood and does not currently include physician's assistants.
- According to information provided by the Department of Health, withdrawing blood is part of the standard training of physician assistants and there is currently no legal probation against engaging in withdrawing blood if the physician has delegated that service to the physician assistant in their written protocols.
- Any increase in caseloads to physician assistants employed by public hospitals or clinics can be accommodated within existing resources with an increased appropriation.
- There will not be a sufficient number of additional DUI prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**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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