

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2017 - HB 2283

February 18, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds dental hygiene diagnosis to the practice of dental hygiene. Requires a dentist to confirm any dental hygiene diagnosis that requires treatment that is outside the scope of dental hygiene practice.

Permits a dentist to supervise no more than 10 dental hygienists while the dentist and each hygienist is providing dental services on a volunteer basis through a nonprofit provider of free mobile clinics in this state.

Allows a dental hygienist to place sealants or apply fluoride to a patient even if the patient has not been the subject of a prior examination by a dentist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Division of TennCare (Division), the Division's dental benefit manager contracts with dentists only and dental hygienists are not issued Medicaid provider numbers; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The Board of Dentistry can accommodate any rule making that is required within normal business hours; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- 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 Dentistry had an annual surplus of \$191,693 in FY17-18, an annual surplus of \$115,375 in FY18-19, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$4,451,703 on June 30, 2019.

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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