

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 275 - SB 292

January 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program from operating within 1,000 meters of a school or public park anywhere in the state, as opposed to only in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Memphis. Deletes the distance parameter of 2,000 feet that presently applies on a statewide basis outside those four cities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs operated in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, or Memphis are prohibited to operate within 1,000 meters of a school or park. All other needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs are prohibited within 2,000 meters of a school or park.
- The proposed legislation would establish the prohibited distance from a school or public park as 1,000 meters for all needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs in the state.
- To operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, an organization is required to submit an application to the Tennessee Syringe Services Program (SSP). There is no fee associated with the application.
- Based on information previously provided by the Department of Health, all existing SSPs are operated by not-for-profit community-based organizations, funded through federal grants and privately raised funds.
- Any expenditures associated with a new SSP are assumed to be borne by the organization operating it; therefore, no significant impact on state or local government.

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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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