

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 523 - HB 495

February 27, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004492): Enacts the *Topical Medical Waste Reduction Act of 2023*. Authorizes unused portions of certain topical medications administered during a surgical procedure at a hospital operating room or hospital emergency room department to be offered to a patient for continuing treatment upon discharge.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the Department of Health or health-related boards.
- To the extent that patients will require fewer prescriptions for certain topical medications, there may be a reduction in state, local, and federal expenditures. However, based on information provided by the Division of Benefits Administration and the Division of TennCare, any such decrease is estimated to be not significant.

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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