

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 656 – SB 1060

March 8, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Specifies that a health-related board, that licenses any practitioner authorized to prescribe buprenorphine, must post such guidelines and standards on the board's website within 10 days of receiving the guidelines and standards.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005261): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a nurse practitioner or physician assistant who meets certain criteria to prescribe buprenorphine products for medication-assisted treatment to patients who are treated at a federally-qualified health center or a community mental health center, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-1-101, at which they are employed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the Department of Health or health related boards; 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 Nursing had an annual surplus of \$1,564,664 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$1,674,535 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$10,142,909 on June 30, 2018.
- The Board of Physician Assistants had an annual surplus of \$44,841 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$31,459 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$737,313 on June 30, 2018.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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