

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 657 – SB 609

March 8, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes dental hygienists to exercise prescriptive authority limited to fluoride agents, topical oral anesthetic agents, and nonsystemic oral antimicrobials. Requires the Board of Dentistry (BOD) to determine by rule educational and training requirements necessary for a dental hygienist to exercise prescriptive authority. Requires the BOD to determine allowable percentages of certain active ingredients in medications that may be prescribed by dental hygienists.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004967): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to require a prescription written by a dental hygienist be reviewed by a licensed dentist within 30 days.

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 the BOD; 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 BOD had an annual surplus of \$211,016 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$191,693 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$4,404,746 on June 30, 2018.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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