

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 746 – SB 737

March 26, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from at least quarterly to at least monthly, the frequency with which hospitals are required to report to the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) all claims data on UB-92 forms about inpatient and outpatient discharges.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$17,200/One-Time
\$294,700/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-108(a), hospitals licensed by the Board for Licensing Healthcare Facilities are required to report claims data on every inpatient and outpatient discharge to the Commissioner of the DOH at least quarterly.
- Passage of the proposed legislation would increase the frequency with which hospitals are required to report claims data to at least monthly.
- Based on information provided by the DOH, the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. The DOH will require two Statistical Research Specialist positions and two Statistical Programmer Specialist 2 positions to process hospital reporting on a monthly basis.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the four additional positions is estimated to be \$17,200 [(\$1,600 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture) x 4 positions].
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the two Statistical Research Specialist positions is estimated to be \$172,096 [(\$59,676 salary + \$16,472 benefits + \$7,900 administrative cost + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies) x 2 positions].
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the two Statistical Programmer Specialist 2 positions is estimated to be \$122,620 [(\$38,460 salary + \$12,950 benefits + \$7,900 administrative cost + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies) x 2 positions].
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$294,716 (\$172,096 + \$122,620).

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

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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