

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2321 - SB 2498

February 25, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Tennessee Ultrasound Sonographer Practice Act*. Creates the Board of Ultrasound Sonographers which will consist of five members to be appointed by the Governor. The members are to serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of any travel expenses incurred. Prohibits on or after 12 months following the effective date of this *Act*, any person without a license as an ultrasound sonographer from representing themselves as an ultrasound sonographer. Effective date of January 1, 2019.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – Up to \$182,400/FY18-19/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Up to \$236,700/FY19-20/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Up to \$236,700/FY20-21/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Up to \$244,300/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Ultrasound Sonographers**

**Increase State Expenditures –
Less than \$182,400/FY18-19/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Less than \$236,700/FY19-20/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Less than \$236,700/FY20-21/Board of Ultrasound Sonographers
Less than \$244,300/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Ultrasound Sonographers**

Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.

Assumptions:

- Currently Tennessee does not require licensure or certification to be an ultrasound technician. Many employers require professional certification through the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). There are currently 1,888 members of the credentialing organization American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography and 15 members of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists who live in this state.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. The DOH will need one

Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2 position and one Licensing Technician position.

- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$8,600 (\$3,200 computer cost + \$5,400 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional positions is estimated to be \$114,086 (\$68,424 salaries + \$25,862 benefits + \$15,800 administrative cost + \$2,800 communications + \$1,200 supplies). Due to the effective date, 50 percent of the expenditures associated with the additional positions will be incurred in FY18-19, resulting in an increase of \$57,043 ($\$114,086 \times 50.0\%$).
- The Board of Ultrasound Sonographers will consist of five members.
- The Board will consist of five members and the advisory committee will meet four times a year.
- It is estimated the five board members will receive mileage reimbursement of \$123 to attend each meeting. The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$2,460 ($\$123 \times 4 \text{ meetings} \times 5 \text{ members}$). Due to the effective date of January 1, 2019, the first-year impact (FY18-19) is estimated to be \$1,230 ($\$2,460 \times 50\%$).
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY18-19 is estimated to be less than \$182,433 ($\$115,560 + \$8,600 + \$57,043 + \$1,230$).
- The total increase in state expenditures in each FY19-20 and FY20-21 is estimated to be less than \$236,696 ($\$120,150 + \$114,086 + \$2,460$).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 and subsequent years is estimated to be less than \$244,286 ($\$127,740 + \$114,086 + \$2,460$).
- 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 Ultrasound Sonographers will charge a licensure fee and a renewal biennially to collect fee revenue in an amount to cover all costs of the board.
- The increase in state revenue associated with the new licensure category is estimated to be up to \$182,400 in FY18-19, up to 236,700 in FY19-20 and FY20-21, and up to \$244,300 in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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