

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2321 – SB 2498

March 8, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL 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.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

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
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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.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014507): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires any person practicing ultrasound sonography in a nonclinical 3D/4D ultrasound boutique setting to be at least 18 years of age and meet certain specified requirements. The proposed legislation is effective January 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:


NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee does not require licensure or certification to be an ultrasound technician.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the Commissioner of the DOH can promulgate rules for the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Boards had an annual surplus of \$8,136,679 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$3,551,254 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$32,645,083 on June 30, 2017.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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