



March 13, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004362, 004572, 005570):** Requires the Board of Medical Examiners (BME), the Board of Osteopathic Examination (BOE), the Board of Nursing (BON), and the Board of Physician Assistants (BPA) to, within 45 days of receiving a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction, render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board. Requires the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (BADAC) to, within 60 days of receiving a completed application for licensure from an applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction, render a decision on the application or inform the applicant of the need to appear before the board.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$35,400/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/  
Division of Health-Related Boards**

**Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division of Health-Related Boards had a surplus of \$2,931,602 in FY20-21, a surplus of \$2,687,730 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$37,100,641 on June 30, 2022.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, it is estimated the BME, BOE, BON, BPA, and BADAC will be able to process applications from other jurisdictions in the required timeframe utilizing existing personnel.
- All applications for licensure are required to be approved or denied at a public board meeting; therefore, the BME, BOE, BON, and BPA must meet at least eight times per year in order to comply with the 45-day requirement.
- The BADAC must each meet at least six times per year in order to comply with the 60-day requirement.
- Each board member is reimbursed for travel expenses at a rate of \$160 (\$.63 per mile x 254 miles) per meeting. The board members of BME, BOE, BON, and BPA receive a per diem of \$100 per meeting, and the board members of the BADAC receive a per diem of \$50 per meeting. The total cost per meeting per board member is either \$260 (\$160 + \$100) or \$210 (\$160 + \$50).

- The total recurring increase in state expenditures for additional board meeting is estimated to be as shown below:

<b>Board</b>	<b>Number of Additional Meetings Per Year</b>	<b>Number of Board Members</b>	<b>Total Cost Per Member Per Meeting</b>	<b>Increase in Board Expenditures</b>
<b>BME</b>	2	12	\$260	\$6,240
<b>BOE</b>	4	6	\$260	\$6,240
<b>BON</b>	4	11	\$260	\$11,440
<b>BPA</b>	4	9	\$260	\$9,360
<b>BADAC</b>	2	5	\$210	\$2,100
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,380</b>

- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$35,380 in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
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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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