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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to make voluntary reversible long-acting contraception (VRLAC) available for same-day access by patients at no charge to the patient at all family planning centers in this state. Eliminates requirement that the continuation of the VRLAC program be subject to the availability of federal funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$8,332,400/FY23-24
\$8,022,400/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years**

Other Fiscal Impact - If federal Title X Family Planning Program funding is decreased or becomes unavailable, there will be an additional increase in state expenditures to cover the cost of providing access to voluntary reversible long-acting contraception for women; however, the extent and timing of any such increase cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- There are 121 family planning centers in the state.
- According to the DOH, there are currently 41 family planning centers that are able to provide same-day access to VRLACs.
- Approximately 69 family planning centers offer VRLAC services but are not able to do so on a regular basis, and 11 family planning centers do not offer any VRLAC services.
- Based on information provided by the DOH, the department cannot accommodate the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- In order to provide same-day access to VRLACs at all 121 family planning centers, the DOH will require 50 additional positions (45 Nurse Practitioner positions and 5 Physician positions) beginning in FY23-24.
- The one-time increase in expenditures associated with the 50 additional positions is estimated to be \$310,000 (\$175,000 computer cost + \$135,000 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$8,022,435 (\$6,145,320 salary + \$1,372,129 benefits + \$395,000 administrative cost + \$80,000 communications + \$30,000 supplies).
- A total increase in state expenditures of \$8,332,435 (\$8,022,435 + \$310,000) in FY23-24.

- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$8,022,435 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-137, the DOH is required to administer a program to improve access to VRLACs for women, subject to federal funds being made available for that purpose.
- The proposed legislation removes the condition that the continuation of the program to provide access to VRLACs is subject to the availability of federal funding.
- According the federal Department of Health and Human Services, the state received federal Title X Family Planning Program grants of approximately \$7,108,750 in FY21-22.
- To the extent federal funding is decreased or becomes unavailable, there will be an additional increase in state expenditures to cover the costs of providing VRLACs and funding the VRLAC program; however, the extent and timing of any such increase cannot be reasonably determined.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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