

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1916 – SB 2179

February 7, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that if an individual or terminal patient has formally refused to make an anatomical gift of the individual or patient's body or part, such refusal prohibits another person from making or amending an anatomical gift of the individual or patient's body or part.

Prohibits a procurement organization from contacting a person related to a decedent when there is documented refusal by the decedent to make an anatomical gift of the decedent's body or part. Allows a procurement organization to contact a person authorized to make decisions regarding a decedent's anatomical gifts within six hours of cessation of the decedent's heartbeat if the decedent did not refuse to make an anatomical gift. Requires a decedent's remains to be immediately released to an authorized funeral home if no contact is made within such time period.

Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) or appropriate licensing board to assess a civil penalty of \$500 to a party that violates the provisions of the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the DOH or health-related boards.
- There is not estimated to be a significant increase in civil penalties imposed on behalf of the DOH; therefore, no significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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