

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 298 – HB 413

May 2, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Prohibits certain adverse actions against a physician on the basis of the physician's failure to maintain a specialty medical board certification or maintenance of licensure under a framework for physician license renewal established through the Federation of State Medical Boards which includes additional periodic testing or requirements other than continuing medical education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (006805, 008352): Amendment 006805 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) and the Board of Osteopathic Examination (BOE) from denying a physician licensure based on a physician's non-participation in any form of maintenance of licensure, including requiring any form of maintenance of licensure tied to maintenance of certification. Prohibits the board from requiring any form of specialty medical board re-certification or any maintenance of certification to practice medicine in this state. Establishes a task force to study the issues created by the maintenance of certification process for Tennessee physicians. Requires the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate to appoint three members each to the task force. Authorizes the staff for the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate to provide support to the task force if requested by the chair of the task force. Requires the task force to provide a report with recommendations to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate by January 15, 2018, at which time it shall cease to exist.

Amendment 008352 deletes language that requires the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Commerce and Labor Committee of the Senate to appoint three members each to the task force and replaces it with language that requires the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint three members of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the Senate to appoint three members of the Senate to the task force.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$4,400/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The six legislative members will receive per diem of \$220 for each one-day meeting and will be reimbursed for mileage at a rate of \$0.47 per mile.
- The task force will meet at least two times with the first meeting occurring in July. One of the meetings will take place in a meeting space outside of the Legislative Plaza at a cost of at least \$75 per hour for an average of four hours per meeting.
- The increase in state expenditures for the task force is estimated to exceed \$4,418 [(\$220 x 6 members x 2 meetings) + (\$0.47 x 262 miles x 6 members x 2 roundtrips) + (\$75 x 4 hours x 1 meeting)].

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed bill as amended will not have a significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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