



March 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005845): Prohibits a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program from operating within 2,000 feet of a school or public park in the city of Kingsport. Prohibits a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program from operating within 1,000 feet of a school or public park anywhere else in the state, as opposed to only in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Memphis.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs operated in Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, or Memphis are prohibited to operate within 1,000 feet of a school or park. All other needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs are prohibited within 2,000 feet of a school or park.
- The proposed legislation would establish the prohibited distance from a school or public park as 1,000 feet for all needle and hypodermic syringe exchange programs in the state other than in Kingsport, which will remain at 2,000 feet.
- To operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, an organization is required to submit an application to the Tennessee Syringe Services Program (SSP). There is no fee associated with the application.
- Based on information previously provided by the Department of Health, all existing SSPs are operated by not-for-profit community-based organizations, funded through federal grants and privately raised funds.
- Any expenditures associated with a new SSP are assumed to be borne by the organization operating it; therefore, no significant impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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