

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 353 - SB 571

April 16, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes a person who received certified career and technical training in high school, post high school, or as a prisoner to be eligible to receive equivalent credit toward an occupational license relating to the training received. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (TDOC) to promulgate rules in order to effectuate the act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007922):** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes are: (1) to clarify that the legislation applies to all professions and occupations regulated under Title 62, except for certified public accountants, architects and engineers, ginseng dealers, and persons accredited under title 62; (2) to further clarify that training received in high school, post high school, and in correctional facilities must be consistent with the requirements for licensure by licensing authorities in order for persons to be eligible to receive equivalent credit toward an occupational license; (3) to authorize any person aggrieved by the decision of a licensing authority concerning eligibility for equivalent credit to appeal to the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance or the Commissioner's designee for a determination of whether the training meets the requirements for licensure; and (4) to require the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to collaborate with the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (TDOC) to promulgate rules in order to effectuate the act.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of this legislation may allow certain individuals to acquire certain licenses sooner relative to the time it may take under current law. It is assumed such individuals would be pursuing the respective license under current law as well as under the

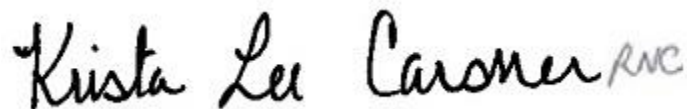
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provisions of this legislation. Therefore, any change in the number of licenses issued statewide is not expected to be significant.

- Some license fee revenue may shift forward if certain people are able to acquire licensure sooner; however, the total amount of licensure fee revenue received over time is not expected to change significantly. As a result, any impact related to licensure fee revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- It is reasonable assumed that the Department of Health can meet the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resource without an increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The health related boards had an annual surplus of \$3,609,723 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$3,621,024 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,646,763 on June 30, 2018.
- It is reasonable assumed that the SBE and the Department of Education can meet the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increase in expenditures.
- Based on information provided by TDOC, there is a current vocational training program in place which is currently monitored and awards credits; therefore, the provisions of the legislation can be handled within existing staff and resources without an increase in expenditures.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance the provisions of this legislation will not result in a significant impact.

#### **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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