



February 25, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013810): Creates a healthcare task force to review the reimbursement of health professionals employed by agencies performing healthcare services in this state. States that the task force will be made up of 15 members: 7 Tennessee state agency administration representatives, 2 legislative members, and 6 members of the public. Requires the task force to create strategic action plans and recommendations regarding several healthcare challenges. States that members of the task force will serve without compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and that members may hire consultants to assist in the performance of responsibilities, subject to appropriations by the Department of Health. Requires the task force to submit an interim progress report to the speakers of the Tennessee General Assembly (TGA) and chairs of both health committees by July 1, 2023, and a final report no later than December 31, 2024. The task force will be in effect from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Expenditure – \$516,400/FY22-23
\$16,400/FY23-24
\$10,000/FY24-25**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 3-1-106(a) states that each member of the General Assembly shall be paid for the member's expenses in attending legislative committee meetings concerning state business and duties of a legislator.
- Members of the General Assembly are paid at a rate of \$313 per day for meals and lodging and an average of \$129.25 for mileage reimbursement per roundtrip, totaling \$442.25.
- Members of the public will be reimbursed for travel expenses at an average rate of \$129.25 per member per meeting.
- The task force is required to meet at least monthly. However, four of these months will happen simultaneously with TGA's legislative session, so legislative members will not require extra travel reimbursement.
- Therefore, there will be an expenditure of \$16,382 [(\$442.25 x 2 legislative members x 8 meetings) + (\$129.25 x 6 public members x 12 meetings)] to cover the costs of the legislative members in each FY22-23 and FY23-24 and an increase of \$9,960 [(\$442.25 x 2 legislative members x 6 meetings) + (\$129.25 x 6 public members x 6 meetings)] in

FY24-25 since the task force concludes halfway through the fiscal year, without any of the meetings taking place during TGA's legislative session.

- In order to conduct the necessary studies encompassed in the legislation, DOH will need to contract with a consulting firm. This is expected create a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$500,000.
- Any increase in expenditures to the task force to compile and submit the interim progress report and final report will be not significant.
- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$516,382 (\$16,382 + \$500,000) in FY22-23, \$16,382 in FY23-24, and \$9,960 in FY24-25.

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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