

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2528 - SB 2600

February 12, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all foster care dwellings, nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, homes for the aged, and one and two family rental units to contain photo-electric smoke detectors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$189,100

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$85,000

Other Fiscal Impact - The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will hold an additional meeting in FY09 at a total cost of \$6,000 for travel reimbursements, per diems, and a court reporter. These one-time expenditures can be funded from existing resources of the Board without the collection of additional revenue.

Assumptions:

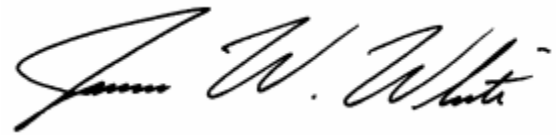
- The Department of Children's Services (DCS) will be responsible for exchanging the smoke detectors in both the contract provider resource homes and DCS resource homes.
- Currently, there are 2,144 contract provider homes and 2,425 DCS resource homes. Each home (2,144 + 2,425 = 4,569 total) will receive two photoelectric smoke detectors at a cost of approximately \$30 each resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$274,140 (4,569 x 2 x \$30).
- Of this amount, \$189,157 will be state funds at a 69% match rate and \$84,983 will be federal funds at a 31% match rate.
- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures.
- There will not be a significant increase in expenditures to exchange the smoke detectors in nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, or homes for the aged.
- Any cost associated with the nursing homes exchanging their smoke detectors can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Bureau of TennCare without an increased appropriation.

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- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures to rental units.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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