

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4103 - SB 4147

March 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities and the Emergency Medical Services Board to assess actual and reasonable costs of investigations, prosecutions, and hearings of any disciplinary action in which any sanction is imposed upon a person or entity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000/One-Time

Other Fiscal Impact – The Emergency Medical Services Board will hold an additional meeting in FY09 at a total cost of \$5,500 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 services revenue.

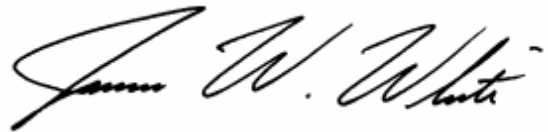
Assumptions:

- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities and the Emergency Medical Services Board will incur an increase in revenue from recouping the cost of investigations, prosecutions and hearings. Such is estimated to be not significant.
- Fee revenue is not sufficient to cover the operation of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities. The Board currently operates at a deficit that is paid through a general fund appropriation at the end of the fiscal year.
- The increase in fees for FY07-08 will not be sufficient to eliminate the deficit in FY07-08 or in future years.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will need to hold an additional meeting to revise the assisted-care living facility regulations.
- This additional meeting will increase the Board's operating deficit and will require an increased general fund appropriation.
- There will be a one-time increase in state expenditures for board member travel reimbursement of \$5,000.
- There will be an increase in state expenditures for a Court reporter to transcribe the meeting. Such is estimated to be \$300.

- A 175 page transcript at a cost of \$4 a page will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$700 (175 x \$4).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
- According to the Department of Health, current services revenue is sufficient to cover the operation of the Emergency Medical Services Board.

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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