

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1475 - HB 1616

March 25, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the offense of knowingly hiding or leaving the jurisdiction of the court to avoid prosecution, court appearance, or incarceration. Under current law, failure to appear is committed when the defendant does not appear on the designated court date. Failure to appear for a misdemeanor offense is a Class A misdemeanor and failure to appear for a felony offense is a Class E felony.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$88,550/Incarceration\*  
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant  
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes 20 additional Class E felony convictions per year and 20 additional Class A misdemeanor convictions per year.

\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

### CERTIFICATION:

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



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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