

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1679 - HB 1596

March 15, 1999

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes provision limiting safety belt requirements to those in the front seat. Increases the fines for violation of the safety belt requirements from \$10 to \$25 for the first offense and from \$20 to \$50 for subsequent violations. Deletes provision requiring a law enforcement officer to stop a person for a separate violation before issuing a citation for violating the safety belt requirements. Provides that safety belt violations may be assessed a point value towards license suspension or revocation by deleting the existing provision to the contrary.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$1,000,000 Earmarked for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$50,000**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Assumes:

- There are approximately 4,000,000 drivers in Tennessee.
- There were approximately 23,000 safety belt violations in FY97-98.
- An increase in state revenues exceeding \$250,000 for current safety belt violations from the increase in fines from \$10 to \$25 for first offenses and \$20 to \$50 for second and subsequent violations.
- An increase in state revenues exceeding \$750,000 for a minimum of 25,000 additional citations of safety belt violations from the provision of the bill which authorizes law enforcement officers to stop persons solely for failure to wear a safety belt.
- The provisions of this bill will be enforced by local law enforcement officers as well as highway patrolmen.
- Local governments will experience an increase in revenues from the 5% retained by the court clerk on all fines paid for such violations.
- Local governments will experience an increase in expenditures for administrative costs associated with increased citations and possible incarcerations.

### 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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