

FISCAL NOTE

HB 426 - SB 655

March 9, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council to develop a system of psychological assessment and counseling for perpetrators of domestic abuse.
- Requires that a defendant be assessed by a psychologist for the purpose of determining the likelihood of recurrence of such person being involved in a domestic abuse situation when arrested for a domestic abuse crime.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$4,000,000

According to the *Report on Domestic Violence in Tennessee* in 1998-99, there were 19,352 arrests for domestic violence reported. The estimated fiscal impact represents the development of a program for assessment and counseling for perpetrators which includes a psychological examination at a rate of \$250 each and short-term counseling for 50% of the perpetrators who will be declared indigent.

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