

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1385 - HB 909

March 22, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor or twin trailer combination to operate in the right most lane on the interstate system or other federal aid highway except where one or more lanes is closed for maintenance or construction, where there is an intersection of multiple interstates and other designated federal aid highways, where compliance would not accord with safety provisions, or upon the order of a law enforcement officer. This offense would be a Class C misdemeanor under the provisions of T.C.A. 55-7-206(a).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 One-Time / Highway Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in expenditures to the Highway Fund for signs indicating, "Trucks Use Right Lane."
- there are approximately 1,073 miles of interstate affected by these provisions.
- a sign will be placed every 20 miles for a total of 54 signs at \$840 each.
- assumes a similar number of signs would be needed for multi-lane divided highways.
- impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to the state from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.
- the state receives revenue from fines in accordance with T.C.A. 55-7-206. Court clerks receive a 5% commission.

NOTE: The Department of Transportation indicates that 880 signs at \$840 per sign are needed to enforce the requirements of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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