

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2164 - SB 2107

January 14, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that railroad companies may not deny, delay, or interfere with medical treatment for employees injured during employment. Further, it is an offense to threaten or discipline an employee for requesting such treatment. Violations would result in a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- The railroad employees referred to in this bill are employees of Class I Railroads who are covered by federal employment protection standards rather than Tennessee workers compensation laws.
- Provisions of the bill apply to employees injured during working hours while performing duties associated with their job.
- 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 local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director