

FISCAL NOTE

SB 799 - HB 994

March 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class D felony child abuse and neglect offense for ingesting while pregnant any illegal substance or controlled substance not prescribed by a physician.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,640,000/Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- Department of Children's Services had 533 confirmed cases of drug exposed infants out of 1,328 cases investigated from March 2004 to February 2005.
- Estimate is based upon 250 cases prosecuted and convicted of Class D felony.

*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 W. White, Executive Director

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