

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2959 - HB 3771

March 8, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires counties to compensate the senior accredited officer serving in a county veterans' service office in an amount commensurate to the compensation paid to heads of county government departments of comparable size in the county in which the officer is employed.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Exceeds \$675,000*

Assumptions:

- There are seventy-seven (77) senior accredited county service officers statewide. Of this number, twenty-six (26) are full-time employees and fifty-one (51) are part-time employees.
- Approximately half of all part-time senior accredited county service officer positions will be converted to full-time positions.
- Approximately half of all part-time senior accredited county service positions will be eliminated.
- Approximately 25% of full-time positions not currently compensated a commensurate amount will be eliminated.
- A decrease in local government expenditures of approximately \$500,000 to the extent that currently funded positions are eliminated.
- An increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$1,175,000 to raise the compensation for these positions so that it is commensurate to the compensation paid to heads of county government departments of comparable size in the county in which the officer is employed. The amount of increase will vary from county to county.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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