

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**  
**SB 359 – HB 831**

April 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014680):** Authorizes judges to order DUI offenders to attend victim impact panel programs, where available, in addition to participation in alcohol and drug safety DUI school. Authorizes the court to assess a fee of no less than \$25, but no more than \$50, to offset the cost of participation.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase Local Revenue - \$46,600/Permissive**  
**Increase Local Expenditures - \$46,600/Permissive**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Safety, there are approximately 21,000 DUI convictions per year.
- There are two non-profit groups operating nine victim impact panel programs in Tennessee.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) operates four programs, one in each of the following counties: Davidson, Shelby, Knox, and Claiborne.
- The Victims Impact Panel of Tennessee (VIPT) operates five victim impact panel programs, one in each of the following counties: Wilson, Smith, Jackson, Cumberland, and Putnam.
- MADD charges fees between \$25 and \$35; all fees received go to prevention programs.
- VIPT charges a fee of \$30; all fees received go to reimburse the expenses of the non-profit.
- The cumulative population of counties with victim impact panel programs makes up approximately 37.0% of the state's total population.
- The number of DUI convictions in counties with victim impact panel programs is estimated to be 7,770 (21,000 total x 37.0% = 7,770).
- Only offenders with ability to pay fees are ordered to attend such programs.

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- 20% of DUI offenders in the nine counties specified (1,554) are ordered to participate each year.
- The average fee collected by local governments is estimated to be \$30.
- The permissive increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$46,600 (1,554 x \$30 = \$46,620) per year.
- The permissive increase to local government expenditures for paying expenses of the victim impact panel programs is estimated to be \$46,600 per year.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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