

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 19 – HB 82**

March 20, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004711, 005301):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes current and retired judges to carry a firearm under the same circumstances and conditions as law enforcement officers and correctional officers if they have a handgun carry permit, complete the firearms component of the Basic Law Enforcement Course, and annually complete the firearms re-qualification requirement of the In-Service Training Requirements for police officers. Requires the judge to pay for any costs associated with the firearms course and the re-qualification. Requires the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission to establish a fee to charge judges sufficient to defray all cost of training. Redefines “unloaded” to mean the rifle, shotgun, or handgun does not have ammunition in the chamber or cylinder, and a clip or magazine containing ammunition is not inserted into the firearm. Makes possession of a concealed unloaded rifle or shotgun a defense to a charge of unlawful possession. Under current law, the defense is not available if the weapon is concealed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

MINIMAL

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

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption applied to amendments:

- Any additional revenue generated or cost incurred as a result of the proposed amendments is estimated to be not significant.

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**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 a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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