

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 107 – SB 393

April 15, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006442): Deletes the language of the original bill. Creates a new Class C misdemeanor, subject only to a fine not to exceed \$50 and court costs not to exceed \$10, for the offense of transmitting or reading written messages (text messaging) on a hand held mobile telephone or a personal digital assistant while operating a motor vehicle on any highway; exempts certain law enforcement personnel and emergency management personnel from the offense of text messaging while driving; requires the Department of Transportation to utilize the permanent overhead informational displays located throughout the state to provide periodic messages to the motoring public that text messaging while driving is against the law in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

(CORRECTED)

Increase State Revenue - \$41,600/Recurring

Increase State Expenditures - \$21,000/One-Time

Increase Local Revenue - \$2,200/Recurring

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption applied to amendment:

- Based on the responses received from the Departments of Safety and Transportation, the fiscal impact for the bill as amended is unchanged from impact estimated for the original bill.

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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 that reads "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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