

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 445 - SB 1800

March 11, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the required information and procedure in which a woman must provide written informed consent to her treating physician prior to an abortion. Eliminates requirement that an abortion or attempt to procure a miscarriage, which is performed after three months of pregnancy but before viability, has to be performed at a hospital and requires an abortion during viability be performed at a hospital in order to not be considered criminal abortion or an attempt to procure criminal miscarriage. Changes the waiting period prior to an abortion from two days to 24-hours.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The state trial courts will not incur a significant increase in caseloads. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.
- The Office of Attorney General will not incur a significant increase in litigation. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing resources.
- The proposed legislation will not result in any additional Class E felonies.

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 cursive script that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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