

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2262 - SB 2254**

March 30, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Deletes Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-407 which mandates the Department of Children's Services to administer child abuse review teams in each community.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – \$16,700**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), child abuse review teams are no longer needed because child abuse investigative teams review all significant child abuse cases.
- According to the Department, there were approximately 1,713 indicated investigations that were presented to child abuse review teams during the last quarter of 2008. It is estimated that there would be 6,852 (1,713 x 4) cases per year.
- Each case takes an average of 10 minutes to be presented resulting in 68,520 minutes, or 1,142 (68,520/60 minutes) hours to administer the child abuse review teams.
- A Case Manager 1 position at the lowest level makes approximately \$14.65 per hour resulting in a decrease in expenditures of \$16,730.30 (1,142 hours x \$14.65)

**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".

James W. White, Executive Director

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