

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3371 - SB 3287

February 12, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits assessing traffic citations based solely on evidence from a traffic surveillance camera for failing to make a full and complete stop before turning right at a red light.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgone Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Expenditures – Cost Avoidance – Exceeds \$10,000

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000

Assumptions:

- A relatively small percentage of citations issued are for failing to stop before turning right on red.
- Local governments that are not currently assessing these citations but that would have assessed them in the absence of this legislation will experience forgone local revenue estimated to exceed \$100,000 for traffic fines that will not be collected.
- Local governments currently assessing these citations will experience a decrease in local revenue estimated to exceed \$100,000 for traffic fines that will no longer be collected.
- Local governments that are not currently assessing these citations but that would have assessed them in the absence of this legislation will experience a cost avoidance in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$10,000 for not paying vendors a portion of fines.

- Most cameras are operated through a contract with a vendor; the vendor is paid a percentage of fines collected. Local governments currently assessing these citations will experience a decrease in expenditures estimated to exceed \$10,000 for no longer paying vendors a portion of these fines.

CERTIFICATION:

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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