

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1942 - HB 1835

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class A misdemeanor for a person to possess or distribute marijuana in an amount at least 0.028 grams but less than 3.543 grams. Violation is punishable by fine only, a minimum of \$250 but less than \$2,500. The first \$250 shall be used to fund the drug court, if any, in the county where the offense occurred. Currently it is a Class A misdemeanor for a person to distribute a small amount of marijuana not in excess of 14.175 grams. This bill limits the amount that a person must possess or distribute to at least 3.543 grams but not more than 14.175 grams.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- A small decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in reduced state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These reductions in expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

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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