

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 720 – HB 1854

March 15, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004996): Deletes the original bill. Creates a presumption that an infectious disease acquired by an emergency rescue worker was acquired in the line of duty. Defines “infectious disease” as human immunodeficiency virus. Presumption does not apply to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$37,700

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$4,300

Increase Local Expenditures - \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact – The total additional lump sum liability to the TCRS is estimated to be \$173,300.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000

Increase Local Expenditures - \$100,000*

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this legislation is estimated to increase the number of firefighters who receive a death benefit by at least one per year. The increase in state expenditures based on one death benefit is \$25,000.
- Local government expenditures are expected to increase due to additional worker’s compensation claims. This increase is estimated to be \$100,000.
- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), this legislation will not have a fiscal impact on DOS.

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*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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