

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 541 – HB 1019

April 21, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006289):** Deletes the original bill. Establishes the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal to be awarded to an individual serving on active duty who has been killed in action while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; engaged in military support operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the U.S. is not a belligerent party; or is serving in a combat zone designated by Presidential order. Individuals eligible to receive the medal include all active duty military who are legal residents of the state of Tennessee. Requires the Governor or Governor's designee to award the medal to the immediate survivor of the recipient.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000/One-Time/FY11-12  
\$500/Recurring  
\$600/Each One-Day Meeting

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000/One-Time/FY11-12  
\$500/Recurring**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), there will be one-time start-up costs of approximately \$2,000 for the design and casting of the dye/mold from which these medals will be made.
- Each medal will cost \$25 to manufacture. A presentation box with ribbon will accompany each medal at a cost of approximately \$9 each for a total cost per medal of \$34 (\$25 + 9).
- According to DVA, an average of 16 servicemen will be awarded the Tennessee Medal of Honor per year resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$544 (16 x \$34).
- No fiscal impact for the Governor or Governor's designee to award the medal.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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