

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2343 – SB 2205**

February 1, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012657):** Inserts language previously deleted by the proposed bill. Requires Department of Correction (DOC) employees who are appointed as special agents or as director of internal affairs; who have completed law enforcement training in accordance with internal standards, which include a minimum of 40 hours of initial training and 8 hours of annual in-service in firearms qualification administered by an instructor with certification from the Tennessee Correction Academy's Firearms Instructor Program or a police firearms instructor program conducted by or sanctioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the National Rifle Association; and who have successfully completed the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations basic agent training; to carry weapons in the course of their duties. Expands the definition of "law enforcement officer" to include a warden, deputy warden, associate warden, correctional administrator, assistant or deputy commissioner, or a commissioner who has successfully completed firearms training in accordance with the DOC standards.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- DOC employees, who are authorized to carry weapons for the purposes of their offices and while in the performance of their assigned duties, are currently required to successfully complete firearms qualification training, which includes a minimum 40 hours of initial training and 8 hours of annual in-service training.
- Re-establishing the minimum DOC internal standards for firearms qualification training will not have a fiscal impact on the Department.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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