

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 228 - SB 526

February 22, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates as a defense to the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia that the object alleged to be drug paraphernalia was unused or did not contain a controlled substance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, the number of prosecutions resulting from this bill is not expected to be large and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any impact on state or local government revenue or expenditures due to a minimal increase in prosecutions for this offense will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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