

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1941 - SB 1633

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Repeals statutory procedures for utilizing traffic enforcement cameras.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgone Local Revenue – \$2,102,900
Decrease Local Revenue – \$5,594,100

Assumptions:

- Repealing this statutory authority effectively removes the authority of officers to issue traffic violations and assess fines from violations captured on camera and will eliminate all revenue collected by local governments as a result of traffic enforcement cameras.
- According to a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee Survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, the average monthly revenue to local governments per camera is \$3,370 or \$40,440 (\$3,370 x 12) per year. There are approximately 13 cameras per community.
- According to a 2010 Fiscal Review Committee Survey, eight municipalities not currently operating cameras are considering their use. Estimate assumes that in the absence of this legislation, 50 percent (or 4) would have utilized traffic enforcement cameras resulting in forgone revenue to local governments of approximately \$2,102,880 [(\$40,440 x 13 cameras) x 4 municipalities].
- Based on a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee Survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, local governments currently operating traffic enforcement cameras collect revenue of approximately \$5,594,081 as a result of traffic citations and fines. Removing the authority for local governments to issue citations and assess fines will decrease local revenue by \$5,594,100.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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