

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2329 – SB 2401

February 5, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes each county legislative body, in whose district lies Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, to designate the placement of signs honoring fallen soldiers from the Viet Nam War. Describes Vietnam Veterans Boulevard as that segment of State Route 386 that runs from Interstate 65 to Long Hollow Pike. Fallen soldiers who were residents of Davidson County shall be designated on signs on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from Interstate 65 to the Sumner County Line and fallen soldiers who were residents of Sumner County shall be designated on signs on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike. Directs that such signs are not to displace or interfere with any existing signage along the route.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the county legislative bodies of these counties choose to designate the placement of such signs along Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, and such signs will be manufactured and erected by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures. The one-time increase in state expenditures will be determined by the number of fallen soldiers from each county who will have signs placed along the Boulevard. Since the number of veterans affected is unknown, the increase in state expenditures cannot be determined. However, for each sign placed, there will be an increase in one-time state expenditures of \$150.**

Assumptions:

- Signs will be placed along this segment of Vietnam Veterans Boulevard at the discretion of the legislative bodies of the affected counties.
- The only counties affected will be those through which Vietnam Veterans Boulevard runs (Sumner and Davidson counties).
- The cost of the signs will be \$150.00 each, which is the estimated cost of signs to designate bridges and highways.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133, TDOT is required to fund from resources in the Highway Fund the cost of signage of an interstate, U.S. highway, or state highway designated as a memorial highway or memorial bridge for a member of the military or any state or local public safety official killed in the line of duty.

- According to TDOT, the length of roadway affected in each county will be: Davidson County from I-65 to the Sumner County line is 2.3 miles; Sumner County from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike is 12.6 miles.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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