

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3031 - SB 2872

February 7, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the disclosure of records or information regarding a violation of an unmanned traffic enforcement camera law, including records regarding payments of violations as determined by the cameras, to consumer reporting agencies. Prohibits the inclusion of such information in a credit report.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$5,800**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,800**

Assumptions:

- The state of Tennessee does not currently own or operate unmanned traffic enforcement cameras. According to the County Technical Advisory Service, only a few cities have these types of traffic cameras.
- According to *Opinion No. 00-101* (2000) by the Office of the Attorney General, a county government generally may not charge more than the actual cost of allowing access to public records or to provide copies of the record.
- According to a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, there are approximately 116,000 citations issued by local governments each year. It is assumed that information is currently sold for at least 10 percent, or 11,600 (116,000 x .10), of the citations.
- If information for 11,600 citations is sold at an average rate of \$0.50 per information request, the reduction in local expenditures would be \$5,800 (11,600 x \$.50).
- Since the amount of revenue collected is in direct correlation to the amount of actual costs to produce the information, it is estimated that there will be a decrease in local revenue of \$5,800.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linn D. G...".

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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