

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 260 – HB 1823

March 30, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter (AG), to establish state policy and uniform procedures authorizing familial DNA searches in certain criminal investigations. Directs TBI to study other states' policies and procedures to determine when a familial DNA search may be appropriate. Defines "familial DNA search" as a search of the centralized system to cross-reference data obtained from DNA analysis from a DNA profile taken from a crime scene for the purpose of determining if there is a biological relative of an individual for whom there is a DNA profile in the centralized system.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,100/One-Time

Assumptions:

- TBI will utilize the software program presently being used by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Such software has been provided to the state of Virginia free-of-charge.
- According to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), familial DNA searches are rarely necessary and are rarely conducted.
- According to CBI, no additional positions or equipment were necessary to perform the searches other than one computer to store data taken from CODIS.
- The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) allows laboratories across the nation to compare DNA evidence. Currently, TBI has access to CODIS.
- TBI will require one computer for storage of any data obtained through CODIS, resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$1,100.
- According to the AG, any costs associated with providing assistance to TBI in the establishment of policies and procedures for conducting familial searches in certain criminal investigations can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any cost incurred by TBI to establish policies and procedures can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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