

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 541 – HB 1019

March 21, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Tennessee Medal of Honor for certain members of the Tennessee National Guard or U.S. Armed Forces who were killed in the line of duty. Directs the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to establish an advisory committee to discuss the design and composition of the medal, the criteria for awarding the medal, possible public and private funding sources, estimated cost of manufacturing and awarding the medal, and any other matters relating to the medal. Directs the Committee to submit its recommendations and findings to the General Assembly by January 11, 2012, at which time the Committee will cease to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000/One-Time/FY11-12
\$500/Recurring
\$600/Each One-Day Meeting**

Assumptions:

- According to the DVA, there will be one-time start-up costs of approximately \$2,000 for the design and casting of the dye/mold from which these medals will be made.
- Each medal will cost \$25 to manufacture. A presentation box with ribbon will accompany each medal at a cost of approximately \$9 each for a total cost per medal of \$34 (\$25 + 9).
- According to DVA, an average of 16 servicemen will be awarded the Tennessee Medal of Honor per year resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$544 (16 x \$34).
- Travel and per diem expenses for two legislative members will cost approximately \$605.92 per meeting (\$176 per diem plus \$126.96 mileage for each member).
- Any cost to the Department of Veteran's Affairs to administer the program is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

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



James W. White, Executive Director

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