

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1815 - SB 2017

February 14, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the court to assess the psychological and educational service needs of a juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for an aggravated burglary violation and order the appropriate services for the juvenile.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$47,900

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$30,400

Increase Local Expenditures - \$31,500*

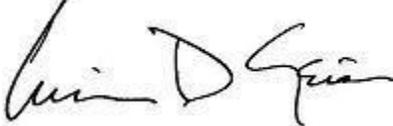
Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the department currently covers the cost of assessments for children who are committed to the custody of DCS.
- There was an average of 51 juveniles adjudicated delinquent for aggravated burglary who did not come into the care of DCS over the past two years. The department estimates 10 percent, or 5 juveniles, will be placed into DCS custody annually as a result of the mandatory assessments.
- According to DCS, the average cost per day is \$87 which includes \$685 for the assessment.
- DCS estimates each child will spend an average of 180 days in custody resulting in increased expenditures of \$78,300 (5 juveniles x \$87 x 180 days).
- Of this amount, 49 percent (\$38,367) is TennCare funds, 7 percent (\$5,481) is Title IV-E federal funds, and the remaining 44 percent (\$34,452) is state funds.
- Of the TennCare amount, \$13,404 is state dollars at a 34.935 percent rate and \$24,963 are federal dollars at a 65.065 percent match rate.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is \$47,856 (\$34,452 + \$13,404) and the total recurring increase in federal expenditures is \$30,444 (\$5,481 + \$24,963).
- It is assumed the cost of the assessments for the remaining 46 juveniles (51 average – 5 DCS) will be borne by the counties resulting in a recurring increase in local expenditures of \$31,510 (46 juveniles x \$685 per assessment).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

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



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