

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1836 - SB 2089**

March 4, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a district attorney to report the name and other identifying information of a defendant and the crimes the defendant is charged with to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) prior to charges being presented to a grand jury to facilitate any investigation by the OIG of possible fraud and other violations of the law involving the medical assistance program. The reporting requirement only pertains to violations under the Tennessee Drug Control Act, the distribution and dispensing of controlled substances statutes and fraud and abuse within the TennCare statute with respect to prescription drugs.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,400/One-Time  
\$59,500/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the bill will not impact any existing programs or policies of the OIG. Any additional human resource or cost demands will not result in a significant increase to current expenditures.
- District attorneys will submit the information to the OIG prior to charges being presented to a grand jury. All necessary information required for the report will have been collected by this time.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), compliance with the legislation will require paperwork and information distribution outside of the normal prosecution process and additional clerical staff will be needed to handle the increased workload.
- The DAGC will hire a Secretary 5 position resulting in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$59,548 which includes salary (\$32,002), benefits (\$24,196), travel (\$500), professional services (\$300), supplies (\$500), rentals (\$2,000), and interagency charges (\$50).
- One-time costs associated with the position for equipment are estimated to be \$4,400.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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