TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2291

March 16, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any person, collection service or collection agency from notifying a credit bureau or credit agency regarding any fine, costs, or litigation taxes assessed against a defendant and remaining in default after the entry of the order assessing such fine, costs, or litigation taxes. The prohibition also applies to any fine, costs, or litigation taxes in default that are converted to a civil judgment pursuant to a criminal case, and further applies to the collection of unpaid parole or probation supervision fees. Any such person or entity which knowingly violates this section commits a Class C misdemeanor. Prohibits any collection service or collection agency from notifying a credit bureau or credit agency concerning a defendant who is in default or has unpaid parole or probation fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce, this will have no significant impact to the Department or the Collection Service Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Collection Service Board had a deficit of $146,216 in FY11-12, a balance of $52,145 in FY12-13, and a closing reserve balance of $267,652 on June 30, 2013.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This bill is estimated to have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in this state.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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