

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1114 – HB 1291

March 16, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires any conviction for intentionally killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse to be punished as a Class E felony unless the grading of the value of the animal would result in a higher classification.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004363): Adds section declaring that the act shall be known as “Aron’s Law”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, the intentional killing of a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse is graded according to the value of the animal including the cost of any specialized training the animal received and punished like theft.
- Theft \$500-\$1,000 is a Class E felony, and theft \$1,000-\$10,000 is a Class D felony.
- The average police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse costs more than \$500 to acquire and train. The bill will not result in any increase of incarceration costs because anyone prosecuted under the current law is already being prosecuted at a Class E felony level or higher

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Jeffrey L. Spalding in black ink.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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