

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 196 – SB 881

April 7, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires a court to impose a fine between \$50 and \$200 against those convicted of willful abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult, if the victim was over the age of 60.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004910):** Deletes last sentence of the bill and amends to make the funds deposited to the general fund subject to appropriation by the General Assembly for the “purpose of”, rather than the “exclusive purpose of”, funding services and programs for senior citizens.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

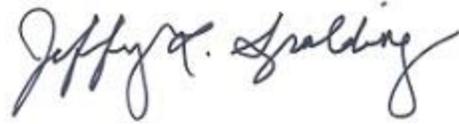
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department of the Treasury confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.
- Local court clerk contacts confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.
- Under current law, someone convicted of willful abuse, neglect, or exploitation, a Class D felony, would be assessed a criminal fine up to \$5,000.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee’s 2008 study of incarceration costs and fines, collection of fines for felony offenses is negligible.
- It is assumed that adding an additional \$50 to \$200 above and beyond the standard criminal fine will not result in a significant increase in revenue for these offenses.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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