

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2149 – HB 2530

April 13, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes any county or city, by resolution or ordinance, to establish a program that allows any person who is indigent and who has been convicted of driving while the person's license is cancelled, suspended, or revoked in violation of § 55-50-504(a), to complete community service work in lieu of paying the fines and other costs imposed for the conviction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016037): Deletes all language of the original bill. Creates an enhancement to the offense of driving a vehicle while in possession of five or more grams of methamphetamine to a Class A misdemeanor, a fine not to exceed \$1,000, and a seven year suspension of driver's license.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

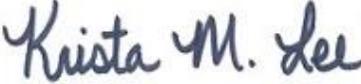
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §55-50-506, the current penalty for the offense of driving with five or more grams of methamphetamine in a vehicle is a Class B misdemeanor, a fine not to exceed \$500, and a five-year suspension of driver's license.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study of incarceration costs and fines and the Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC) 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection of fines for offenses is negligible. There will not be a significant increase in revenue as a result of the provisions of the bill as amended.
- An additional two-year enhancement of driver's license suspension will not significantly alter any fines or fees related to driver's license reinstatement.

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CERTIFICATION:

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



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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