

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 748 - SB 744

March 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits counties from seeking reimbursement from a person for any expense incurred on or after July 1, 2015, by the county in relation to a charge or the charges for which the person was sentenced to county jail, including any period of pretrial detention.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Revenue - Exceeds \$920,000

Assumptions:

- This bill is not relevant to state government operations.
- Based on information from the County Technical Advisory Service (CTAS), Hamilton County alone spends an estimated \$92,000 per year on indigent inmates for necessities and medical care.
- CTAS also reports that all counties collect reimbursement from inmates for their time in the jail.
- Assuming at least nine other counties (less than 10 percent of all counties in Tennessee) currently expend similar amounts as Hamilton County, the recurring decrease in local revenue is estimated to exceed \$920,000 (10 total counties x \$92,000).

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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