

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 842**

March 16, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits state and local building codes from requiring a sprinkler system to be installed in a housing facility owned and operated by a public higher education institution, if the facility (1) houses less than 10 students who are employed by the institution, (2) is no more than two stories in height, (3) has at least one smoke detector on each floor and in each bedroom, and (4) undergoes an annual inspection by the state fire marshal or the marshal's deputies.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, there are estimated two buildings that meet the provisions of this bill.
- The state fire marshal's office will annually inspect these buildings in the normal course of business without an increase in personnel or a reduction in the Department's reversion to the General Fund.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

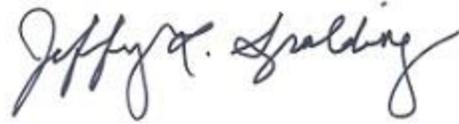
Assumptions:

- No new capital maintenance projects will be undertaken by public higher education institutions as a result of this bill.
- It is estimated that any new state expenditures for smoke detectors or other fire prevention equipment will be purchased by public higher education institutions using existing contracts and the existing budget for such items.
- Any impact to commerce as a result of the bill is considered not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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