

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 996 - SB 1170

March 5, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes handgun carry permit-holders to carry handguns within any public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, or waterway or other similar public place that is owned or operated by state or local government. Removes from statute provisions related to required signage indicating the penalty for the unlawful carrying of a handgun in such areas. Removes the authority of local governments to prohibit by resolution the possession of handguns by valid handgun carry permit holders in parks or recreational areas owned or operate by the local government. Removes from statute provisions related to the replacement of, or the changing of, existing signage indicating that firearms are prohibited.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$24,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the County Officials Association of Tennessee, any impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.
- The Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) indicates that it interprets the bill such that certain signs in state parks must be changed, if enacted.
- TDEC further indicates it conducted a survey in 2014 about the extent of applicable signage changes in the state parks and determined that 96 signs would need to be replaced and 34 signs would need to be removed.
- The one-time cost to replace a sign is estimated to be \$250.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$24,000 (96 x \$250).

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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