

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2081 - SB 1981

March 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS), in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), to establish a pilot prearrest diversion program for minor drug charges with a local law enforcement agency. Requires the Commissioner of TDMHSAS to report annually to the Chairs of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee and to the Chairs of the Health Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee of the House of Representatives on the status of the pilot program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$241,700/FY16-17
\$322,200/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years**

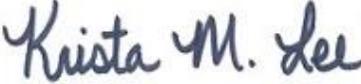
Assumptions:

- TDMHSAS currently funds a prearrest diversion program in Knoxville through a federal grant with a licensed community behavioral health agency.
- The amount of the federal grant is \$322,200 which expires on September 30, 2016.
- Assuming the TDMHSAS continues the prearrest diversion program, it is estimated expenditures associated with continuation of the contract in FY16-17 would be \$241,650 [(\$322,200 / 12 months) x 9 months].
- The total increase in state expenditures to continue the contract in FY17-18 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$322,200.
- TDMHSAS can provide the annual report to the specific Chairs using existing resources.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, any fiscal impact for the Commissioner to consult with the Commissioner of TDMHSAS on the prearrest diversion program would be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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