

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 16 - HB 275

February 18, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to provide courses of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers and other government officials who are directly involved with human trafficking. Emphasizes the course of instruction and the dates by which participating officers must meet applicable training requirements. Requires TBI to employ four additional special agents to provide this training and to disperse such agents to cover all regions of the state. Requires TBI to consult with the Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) or any member of HTTF in developing the course or courses of instruction for certain state and local government departments, agencies, and associations. All officers are required to complete the required training by July 1, 2017, or within six months from the officer's date of employment as a full-time law enforcement officer.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$212,300/One-Time/TBI
\$456,200/Recurring/TBI**

Other Fiscal Impact - Providing training for law enforcement officials and other departments, agencies, and associations to effectively deal with the perpetrators and victims of human trafficking may subsequently result in a decrease in the expenditure of state funds provided as a safety net to the victims of human trafficking. Due to numerous unknown factors, this amount is indeterminable. Any decrease in expenditures will be realized in the outlying years after the training is complete and law enforcement has an opportunity to fully implement the training into action to assist the victims.

Assumptions:

- TBI will add 4 special agent positions as required by the proposed legislation.
- Increase in recurring state expenditures of \$456,228 [4 x \$114,057 (Salary \$61,200 + Benefits \$16,850 + FICA \$4,682 (\$61,200 x 7.65%) + Unclassified \$10,000 + Vehicle \$6,250 + Supplies \$5,600 + Professional Services \$5,375 + Travel \$3,125 + Communication/Printing \$950 + Utilities \$25)] and one-time expenditures of \$212,300 [4 x \$53,075 (Supplies/Equipment \$46,325 + Professional Services \$4,725 + Grants \$2,025)].

- There will be no cost to any state agency, department, association or law enforcement office to receive such training. Any travel costs incurred by those attending this training will be minimal as such agents will be deployed to cover all regions of the state.
- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) was signed into federal law in 2000. This law was enacted for the purpose of combating the quickly escalating number of persons trafficked into the sex trade, slavery, and forced labor to “ensure just and effective punishment of traffickers, and to protect their victims.”
- The TVPA was amended in 2003, 2005, 2008, and 2013 to consistently improve upon the previous version, as facts and observations provided new insight in how to more effectively deal with this problem.
- Certain studies regarding the TVPA have shown that professionals that are properly trained and equipped to deal with the perpetrators and victims of human trafficking prove to be more effective in helping prevent victims from becoming dependent on pimps and other perpetrators of human trafficking, which has subsequently shown to prevent victims’ dependency on public safety nets relating to criminal justice programs, unplanned pregnancy, and welfare programs such as TennCare and food stamps, among others. Any reduction in costs attributed to utilization of public safety nets cannot be solely accredited to the training of appropriate individuals as the TVPA includes many facets, adequate training being one. Due to a number of unknown factors, the indirect cost savings the state may experience from providing specific training for law enforcement officers and other departments, agencies, and associations cannot reasonably be determined. Furthermore, this legislation doesn’t require all officers to have the required training completed until July 1, 2017, or within the first six (6) months of employment for a new full-time officer; therefore, any savings realized as a result of this legislation is expected to occur in outlying years.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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