

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1114 - HB 1291**

March 7, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any conviction for intentionally killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse to be punished as a Class E felony unless the grading of the value of the animal would result in a higher classification.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, the intentional killing of a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse is graded according to the value of the animal including the cost of any specialized training the animal received and punished like theft.
- Theft \$500-\$1,000 is a Class E felony, and theft \$1,000-\$10,000 is a Class D felony.
- The average police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, or police horse costs more than \$500 to acquire and train. The bill will not result in any increase of incarceration costs because anyone prosecuted under the current law is already being prosecuted at a Class E felony level or higher.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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