

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1134 - SB 1482

March 15, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes park rangers within the Division of Parks and Recreation of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to receive longevity pay in the same manner as wildlife officers of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Expands Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) benefits to park rangers. Subjects park rangers to mandatory retirement provisions. Authorizes surviving beneficiaries of park rangers killed in the line of duty to receive health insurance and death benefits. The effective date of this proposed legislation is January 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$176,300/FY19-20

Decrease State Expenditures – Net Impact –  
\$107,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Increase Federal Expenditures – \$120,900/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact – The total additional lump sum pension liability to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System is estimated to be \$5,200,000.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004908):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Effective January 1, 2020, authorizes a surviving spouse and child of a park ranger killed in the line of duty to receive health insurance benefits for a period not to exceed two years after the death of the first responder.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by TDEC, it is assumed that this authorization will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures as there have been no park rangers killed in the line of duty in recent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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