



**SB 2458 - HB 2702**

June 8, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Specifies public official or employees are prohibited against establishing, maintaining, suggesting or requesting quotas for traffic offense citations.

Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense, subject to fine only, for officials and employees violating that prohibition.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (018120,017851):** Amendment 018120 adds language to the legislation to clarify that emergency medical services personnel who are employed by a county fire department are considered essential for purposes of receiving the fire and emergency services tax levied and included in property taxes.

Amendment 017851 changes the effective date to October 1, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-516, a political subdivision or any agency of the state may not establish or maintain, formally or informally, a plan to evaluate, promote, compensate, or discipline a law enforcement officer solely by the issuance of a predetermined or specified number of any type or combination of types of traffic citations, nor can they require or suggest to a law enforcement officer that the law enforcement officer is required or expected to issue a predetermined or specified number of any type or combination of types of traffic citations within a specified period.
- Specifying that this prohibition is applicable to specific public individuals will not impact state or local revenue or expenditures.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class B misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-17-106 and § 5-17-107, county legislative bodies are required to levy an annual fire and emergency services tax upon the property owners of each district and the fire and emergency services tax shall be assessed in the same manner as the county property tax and collected as an addition thereto. The fire and emergency services tax shall in all ways be treated as a part of the county property tax.
- Clarifying that emergency medical services personnel who are employed by a county fire department are considered essential for these purposes should not affect the total tax revenue collected by counties. Thus, there will not be a significant impact to local government revenue as a result of this legislation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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



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