

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 924 - SB 780

February 18, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines the network of roadways in which automobile transporters of certain length, width, and height limitations are authorized to transport, to be in accordance with federal law regarding the operation of vehicles on the national network of highways, including interstate highways and the additional highways identified in federal regulations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Failure to pass this legislation could result in a penalty against federal funding received from the Federal Highway Administration estimated to exceed \$60,000,000.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations § 657.19, if a state fails to certify or if it is determined that a state is not adequately enforcing all state laws respecting maximum vehicle sizes and weights on the interstate system and those routes which, prior to October 1, 1991, were designated as part of the federal-aid primary, federal-aid secondary or federal-aid urban systems, the federal-aid funds for the National Highway System apportioned to the state for the next fiscal year shall be reduced by 10 percent.
- State size limits inconsistent with federal requirements can trigger the Federal Highway Administration to file an injunction with a potential penalty.
- This legislation assures Tennessee is in compliance with federal law.
- According to information provided by the Department of Transportation, failure for this legislation to pass could result in a federal penalty estimated to exceed \$60,000,000.

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".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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