

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 937 - SB 793

February 27, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$600 to \$800, the salary supplement available to professional firefighters and law enforcement officers when such individuals complete annual in-service training.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,305,600/FY19-20

Exceeds \$4,305,600/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202, a firefighter must complete 40 hours of training to receive a pay supplement of \$600.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-111, a police officer must complete eight months of full-time service as a law enforcement officer and at least 40 hours of in-service training to receive the state cash salary supplement of \$600.
- There are approximately 6,848 firefighters and 14,680 law enforcement officers that would be eligible for this cash salary supplement, for a total of 21,528 individuals (6,848 + 14,680).
- An increase in the cash salary supplement of \$200 (\$800 - \$600).
- The growth rate in firefighter and law enforcement officer positions in this state is unknown and is based on various unknown factors, including but not limited to, the impacts of decisions made by federal, state, and local governments which ultimately impact the employment of law enforcement officers in this state. It is reasonably assumed that the total number of firefighters and law enforcement officers in aggregate will increase over time.
- An increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$4,305,600 (21,528 x \$200) in FY19-20.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$4,305,600 in FY20-21 and subsequent years.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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