

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1810

January 23, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a person at the scene of an emergency to attempt to obtain emergency assistance when another person has suffered serious bodily injury. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable by fine only, for a violation of this requirement.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the research paper *Rescue Without Law: An Empirical Perspective on the Duty to Rescue*, in emergencies studied from 1994 to 2004, there was only an average of 1.5 non-rescues a year, compared to an average of 263 rescues in risky situations and approximately 1,000 non-risky rescues annually across the United States.
- Given the low average of non-rescues, it is assumed there will not be enough Class C misdemeanor prosecutions under this legislation to have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.

**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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