

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2046 - HB 2104

February 28, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes the Tennessee Violence Intervention Program (TVIP) within the Department of Finance and Administration's (F&A) Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP). Requires the Director of the OCJP to establish, advertise, and administer grants through the TVIP, conduct program evaluations, submit and post reports to provide transparency, and hold public forums to determine effectiveness and receive community input on the programs.

Requires the OCJP to award funds from the TVIP on a competitive basis to municipalities, not-for-profit health agencies, law enforcement agencies, and nonprofit organizations that serve communities with disproportionately high rates and numbers of homicides and other incidents of violent crime.

Authorizes the OCJP to use up to eight percent of the funds appropriated or made available, or such percentage as may be authorized under program guidelines for funding made available to the TVIP through federal funding sources, for technical assistance and for the costs of implementing and administering the program, including employment of dedicated grants management and program personnel and annual program evaluation and analysis of the effectiveness of violence reduction initiatives.

Requires OCJP to hold three public hearings, with one hearing in each grand division of the state each year to provide a forum to receive information on how the public funds are spent, testimony from grant award recipients on the effectiveness of their programs and best practices, and input from the public on whether the initiatives and the grant-funded programs are accomplishing their respective missions. Public input must be used to assess whether the grant-making metrics and process for issuing grants need to be revised.

Further requires the OCJP to annually report to the Governor, the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Legislative Librarian on the activities of the program, including a list of the grants awarded under the program, descriptions of the initiatives and impact on the communities served through the grants, and such other information as the office deems appropriate.

Allows the OCJP to seek money from the federal government, including, but not limited to, Victims of Crime Act grants, private foundations, and any other source to fund the initiative. Allows the OCJP to establish or provide for such additional conditions, limitations, and requirements on the TVIP applicants and grantees as appropriate to promote the purposes of this part and to ensure that any grants relying on federal funding sources or participation are awarded in compliance with federal law.

## **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$69,900/FY20-21  
\$68,900/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The OCJP currently receives approximately \$32,000,000 in federal funding and it is assumed that at least five percent or \$1,600,000 would be needed to fund the TVIP. It is unknown if additional funding from federal, private, or other sources is available or the timing of such funds being received. Should sources not become available, additional state funds will be necessary or current program funds will be reduced.**

Assumptions:

- The OCJP cannot accommodate the proposed legislation within existing resources. The OCJP will require one Planning Analyst 4 position to establish, advertise, and administer grants through the TVIP, conduct program evaluations, submit and post reports to provide transparency, and hold public forums to determine effectiveness and receive community input on the programs.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,000 for computer costs.
- The increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$69,903 (\$40,380 salary + \$13,273 benefits + \$12,600 professional services + \$1,500 communications + \$1,000 travel + \$1,000 computer costs + \$150 supplies) in FY20-21.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$68,903 (\$40,380 salary + \$13,273 benefits + \$12,600 professional services + \$1,500 communications + \$1,000 travel + \$150 supplies) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- According to the OCJP, approximately \$32,000,000 in annual funding is awarded to the state for Victims of Crime Acts that OCJP grants out to communities.
- The amount of grant funding that will be necessary for OCJP to appropriately administer the requirements of this legislation for the TVIP is unknown. For the purposes of this fiscal analysis, it is assumed that an amount equal to at least five percent of the total funding received by OCJP, or \$1,600,000 ( $\$32,000,000 \times 5\%$ ) will be required.
- The proposed legislation allows for up to eight percent of funds made available for the TVIP, or a percentage authorized under program guidelines for any federal funding, for technical assistance and for the costs of implementing and administering the program.
- The OCJP is authorized to seek money from the federal government, including, but not limited to, Victims of Crime Acts grants, private foundations, and any other source to fund the TVIP. However, the availability and timing of any such funding is unknown.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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