

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2051

February 1, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Transportation to seek to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Transportation of the United States that will authorize Tennessee to issue permits for outdoor advertising located on farm property on terms no less favorable than the terms that apply to the issuance of permits for outdoor advertising located on land that is classified as industrial and commercial property.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Each state is required to provide effective control of outdoor advertising, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 131(d). Failure to do so can result in a potential loss of up to 10 percent of its annual allocation of Federal Highway Funds.
- Requiring the Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner to seek to enter into an agreement with the federal government will result in one of two options:
 - An agreement is not met, in which current practice of prohibiting billboards located in areas used for agricultural purposes in the same manner as billboards are allowed in commercial or industrial areas would stand. Tennessee would be federal compliant.
 - An agreement is met and permits may be issued for the construction, erection, operation, use, and maintenance of outdoor advertising located farm property. Because an agreement was reached with the federal government, this practice would be considered federally compliant.
- Therefore, this legislation will not result in a decrease of federal funding.
- If an agreement is reached with the federal government that allows permits to be issued, it is assumed that there will be no significant change in the overall number of permits issued, as those billboards would have likely been erected in other locations.
- There will not be a significant impact to state revenue.

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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