

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1252 - HB 1477**

This bill, if enacted, will create the offense of "hazing" as a Class A misdemeanor for a student who commits any intentional or reckless act on or off the property of any higher education institution in Tennessee that endangers the health or safety of another student. Hazing also includes requiring students or prospective members to violate any of the criminal laws of the state.

The bill requires each institution of higher education to adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by all organizations sanctioned by the university and to disseminate such information to incoming freshmen during orientation.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill will depend upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resultant increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be readily determined, but is not estimated to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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