

## FISCAL NOTE

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

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 5, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 1973 - HB 1961**

This bill, if enacted, will increase the punishment for the offense of escape from a Class E felony to one classification lower than the most serious offense for which the defendant was in custody. The penalty would be no lower than a Class E felony.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$1,473,900 for incarceration\*. The details of the inmate population growth and costs are shown below:

Year 1	71 Inmates	\$1,095,101
Year 2	88 Inmates	\$1,365,638
Year 3	94 Inmates	\$1,473,900

It is also estimated that enactment of this bill will result in a decrease in local government expenditures and revenues due to elevation of escape when charged with a misdemeanor from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. The amount of such decrease cannot be determined but is estimated to be not 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

*\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

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