

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 841 - SB 992**

February 28, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Specifies that any law enacted after January 1, 2022, which results in a net decrease in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, will result in a decrease to the Sentencing Act of 1985 reserve. Specifies that fiscal note estimates prepared by the Fiscal Review Committee (FRC) include operating cost increases and decreases, in current dollars, of the highest of the next ten fiscal years amortized over a ten-year period beginning on the effective date of the law. Revises the meaning of operating costs as it pertains to housing inmates, so that such costs entail all variable costs, rather than all costs, of housing inmates, other than capital outlay costs. Specifies that periods of imprisonment in state facilities include inmates housed by the state in local facilities.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will revise the calculation of state incarceration estimates in fiscal notes prepared by the staff of the FRC.
- There will be no impact on actual incarceration expenditures realized by the Department of Correction.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant as any changes in incarceration calculations will be reflected on future legislative proposals. Such changes will primarily impact the Sentencing Act of 1985 reserve account.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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