



February 10, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) to use unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) to capture images for the emergency management purposes including surveying the scene of a catastrophe or other damage to determine whether a state of emergency should be declared, coordinating a disaster response, and conducting preliminary damage assessments of real property and infrastructure following a disaster.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$53,300/FY22-23**

**The Governor’s proposed budget for FY22-23, on page A-33, recognizes a one-time increase in state expenditures to the General Fund in the amount of \$53,300.**

Assumptions:

- TEMA does not currently own any UASs.
- Based on information provided by TEMA, the Agency will purchase 5 UASs, two batteries, and obtain training for personnel operating such drones.
- Each UAS will cost approximately 10,000.
- Two batteries will cost \$2,500 total.
- Training for operators will cost \$800.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$53,300 [(5 UASs x \$10,000) + \$2,500 + \$800)].
- The Governor’s proposed budget for FY22-23, on page A-33, recognizes a one-time increase in state expenditures to the General Fund in the amount of \$53,300.

**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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