

HOUSE BILL 2330

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to fiscal notes for
certain bills affecting public health and safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-2-107, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(d) The fiscal note for all bills imposing a criminal penalty or increasing an existing criminal penalty shall include a cost benefit analysis of the cost to the state of Tennessee if such bill does not become law. The fiscal note shall include a statement as to the immediate and reasonably foreseeable long-range effect of the measure on persons in Tennessee if the activity subject to a criminal penalty is not proscribed by law or, if the activity is presently proscribed by law, the effect of not increasing the penalty for such activity. The fiscal note shall address the deleterious effects, if any, to persons and businesses if such bill does not become law. If it is determined that no dollar estimation is possible, the note shall include an explanation of the basis or reasoning for such determination, including any assumptions involved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.