

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2609 - SB 2717**

February 3, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a court, when sentencing an offender to supervised probation for an offense against a minor subject to registration as a sexual or violent sexual offense to prohibit such person from using Internet chat rooms or to require a sexual or violent sexual offender to provide Internet account information such as e-mail addresses, user names and aliases on the sex offender registry. Authorizes the Board of Probation and Parole to require the same conditions if such offender is being released on parole or community supervision for life.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

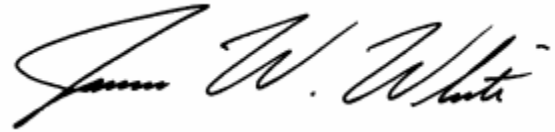
#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time**

##### Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) would need to revise the Registration Form to include the additional information regarding sex offenders' Internet account information at a one-time programming expense of approximately \$18,000.
- According to the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP), most sex offenders under supervision are not allowed to use computers or the Internet, and such offenders must sign a "Specialized Probation Conditions for Sex Offenders" form to that effect.
- No additional requirement for BOPP officers to monitor this type of information or computer usage by registered offenders.
- If such monitoring were required, the cost of this bill would increase substantially. BOPP estimates a recurring increase in state expenditures of approximately \$515,682 which reflects the cost of eight IRSS 3 positions (one in each district) and one IRSS 5 position to supervise the additional monitoring of registered offenders. This estimate includes salary, benefits, supplies and other related expenses. Currently, BOPP has 2,400 registered sex offenders under supervision. The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated at \$77,700 which includes safety equipment, forensics software and licenses for spy ware software.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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