

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2918 - SB 3148**

February 29, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds bestiality to the list of felonies designated as “sexual offenses” for the purpose of the sexual offender registry (SOR). Broadens the definition of registering agency to include community corrections advisory boards. Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to obtain a copy of an offender’s death certificate prior to removing the offender from the SOR. Requires sexual offenders convicted prior to January 1, 1995, to remain on the SOR for five years from August 1, 2007, or the date the person first registered with the SOR, whichever date is later, before petitioning for removal from the SOR.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$519,300/One-Time  
\$4,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

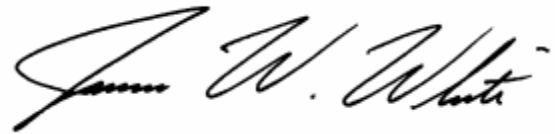
- According to the Board of Probation and Parole, the Board funds community corrections agencies through grants and none of the 19 agencies are currently equipped to become registry sites. These agencies will need the equipment to take photographs and fingerprints of offenders, enter all required information into the SOR, verify information given to the agencies by the offenders, update the SOR, and generate reports as required. In order to perform these duties, community corrections agencies will need to train existing staff, purchase equipment and gain access to NCIC for record checks.
- Each community corrections agency will need to purchase fingerprint machines (\$26,600), height charts (\$40), digital cameras (\$335), NCIC software (\$150), and NCIC setup (\$100). The total one-time costs for the necessary equipment are \$517,275 (\$27,225 x 19).
- Estimate assumes one person in each of the 19 community corrections agencies could be trained to perform this additional duty. Recurring expenditures of \$4,750 (\$250 x 19) for NCIC annual training (\$200) of existing personnel and NCIC annual user support charges (\$50).
- According to the TBI, the Bureau will pay for approximately 20 out-of-state death certificates at a cost of \$20 each per year which will result in

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a recurring expenditure of \$400. One-time state expenditures of \$2,000 for programming changes to the SOR in order to add bestiality to the list of felonies requiring registration.

**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 that reads "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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