

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 956 – HB 1189**

February 17, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires youth development centers, jails, and the Department of Correction (DOC) to provide free telephone services between minors and their parents or guardians.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,100**

Assumptions:

- There are currently 14 juveniles in the custody of the DOC.
- For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the number of juveniles incarcerated by the DOC has remained constant and will remain constant in future fiscal years.
- The average deposit to the inmate telephone system in FY17-18 was \$75 per juvenile.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures to the DOC to provide free telephone services for juveniles is estimated to be \$1,050 (\$75 x 14 juveniles).
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Sheriff's Association (TSA), inmate telephone services are provided by a third party contractor. County jails will be able to re-negotiate contracts to accommodate the provisions of this legislation without a significant increase in expenditures.
- Passage of this legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Children's Services; therefore, any fiscal impact to DCS is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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