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SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes off-highway vehicle operation on a certain segment of State Route 167 within Johnson County. Authorizes the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to install signs along State Route 167.

Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to provide legal support services to the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$500/FY20-21/Highway Fund

Increase Local Expenditures - \$500/FY20-21/Mountain City*

Assumptions:

- State route signs cost \$150 each to fashion and install.
- Per this legislation, TDOT is authorized to install and erect signs, other than tourist-oriented directional signs, along a state highway for the Doe Mountain recreation area. This would require a total of six signs installed: two Advanced Warning signs, two Begin Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Route signs, and two End OHV Route signs.
- Three of these signs (one of each type) would need to be installed within the Mountain City city limits, which is not controlled by TDOT. The other three are outside the city limits and are at the cost of TDOT.
- Therefore, the one-time increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund for signage in FY20-21 is \$450 (\$150 per sign x 3 signs outside city limits).
- The one-time mandatory increase in local expenditures to Mountain City for signage in FY20-21 is \$450 (\$150 per sign x 3 signs inside city limits), should TDOT proceed with installing signage under this legislation.
- There will not be a sufficient number of violations for unauthorized use of OHV for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-25-107(a), the DMRA is authorized to enter into contractual agreements.
- TDEC currently employs 15 assistant, associate, and senior associate counsels and three legal assistants.
- It is assumed that TDEC can provide legal support services to the DMRA regarding property boundary disputes, contracts review, policy development, and other legal matters within existing resources and personnel.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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