

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2605 - SB 2803

March 5, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to make broadband internet service available to visitors at all state parks. Stipulates that in state parks where the Department determines that providing broadband internet service in the entire park is not feasible, the Department may designate areas within such parks where such service is available.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,500,000/FY20-21
\$343,200/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on estimates by Strategic Technology Solutions (STS) and park maintenance staff, there are 22 parks that would require upgrades in connectivity to meet the provisions of this legislation.
- The TDEC estimates that, on average, it would cost \$250,000 per park for one-time installation costs for a Wi-Fi hotspot and associated technologies. Such estimate is based on recent upgrades and similar projects.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,500,000 (22 x \$250,000).
- In addition, there will be ongoing, annual maintenance costs of approximately \$1,300 per month per park, or \$343,200 (22 parks x \$1,300 x 12 months). Such maintenance costs would not apply in the first year of enactment or FY20-21.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 of \$5,500,000.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 and subsequent years of \$343,200.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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