

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2415 – HB 2563

February 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds Old Forest, located in Shelby County, as a natural-scientific area.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Revenue - \$225,000/Recurring

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$31,306,000/One-Time*
\$126,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Based on the information obtained from the City of Memphis, one-time costs are estimated to exceed \$31,306,000.
 - According to the City of Memphis, Lick Creek Flood Control Improvements using natural overflow in flood plain along the stream would not be allowed as no changes can be made to the creek flow under the regulations. Flood water storage would need to be placed underground and could cost as much as \$30,000,000 to \$45,000,000 due to the amount of flood water.
 - Required signage, boundary markers, access control, and equipment are estimated to have a one-time cost of \$156,000.
 - Restricting the usage of natural area would result in a loss of recreation facilities. Replacement of these facilities in areas outside of the natural area is estimated to cost approximately \$950,000.
 - Changes to the Memphis Zoo's Chickasaw Bluff Trail Exhibit will cost \$200,000. A decrease in recurring local revenue of approximately \$225,000 from the loss of the program.
- Based on information obtained from the City of Memphis, recurring operational expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$126,000.

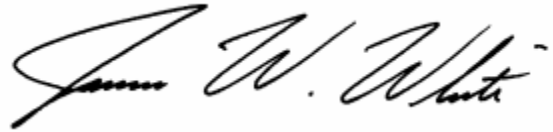
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- Any increase in cost to the Department of Environment and Conservation to oversee this area is estimated to be not significant and can be accomplished utilizing existing departmental resources.

**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, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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