FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0081 **Title:** Increase penalty for theft of firearm

Primary Sponsor: Jackson, V **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature Date Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2004 Difference	FY 2005 Difference
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	$0	$0

- ☐ Significant Local Gov. Impact
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached
- ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill adds specific language in regards to the punishment for theft of a firearm. This offense is punishable under existing law.
2. The change in the fine assessed would be for theft of a firearm worth less than $1,000. This bill would change this fine from up to $1,000 to an amount not to exceed $50,000. Offenders convicted of theft of firearms worth more than $1,000 can already be assessed a fine up to $50,000. The change in fine could have an impact on the general fund as these fines are deposited under 46-18-603.
3. Misdemeanor firearm thefts would become felonies under this bill. The counties currently have no available data regarding the number of misdemeanor firearm thefts. Also, since the judicial sentencing patterns are unpredictable, a revenue estimate cannot be associated at this time.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. General fund cost for incarceration of a male inmate is approximately $18,500 per year in a contract bed and the cost of incarceration of a female inmate is approximately $23,700 per year in a contract bed. Costs would be slightly lower if convicted felons were placed in Pre-Release Centers and would be approximately $1,350 per year if placed only on probation.