

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1131 - HB 1173

March 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a misdemeanor for an authority figure at a community facility failing to report to law enforcement authorities any unlawful sexual contract or suspected unlawful sexual contact of a child, teen, or young adult.

Defines “child,” “teen,” and “young adult” as:

- Child means any person under the age of 13;
- Teen means a person between the ages of 13 and 17; and
- Young adult means a person between the ages of 18 and 25.

Defines “community facility” as buildings and equipment for recreation or social assemblies for educational, religious, social, health, or welfare purposes, including but not limited to facilities operated at schools, the Boy or Girl Scouts, the YMCA or YWCA, the Boys and Girls Club, and church or religious organizations.

Failing to report actual or suspected unlawful sexual contact is:

- A Class A misdemeanor and the maximum fine is \$3,000 if the victim is a child;
- A Class B misdemeanor and the maximum fine is \$3,000 if the victim is a teen; or
- A Class C misdemeanor and the maximum fine is \$3,000 if the victim is a young adult.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that there will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Due to the low number of convictions the bill would result in, it is assumed that the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders can accommodate any impact to their caseloads within existing resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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