

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 594 – HB 672

March 17, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires any investigator or law enforcement officer investigating a possible domestic abuse or child abuse incident involving or occurring in the presence of a hearing-impaired child to use an American sign language interpreter rather than the child's parent or family member.

The interpreter may interpret from a remote location by communicating with the child using electronic means. Communication is to occur outside the presence of the child's parents and family members.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003636): Specifies that the interpreter be trained as a sign language interpreter rather than in American sign language.

Adds potential abusers to the group of people outside of whom the child should be questioned.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Association of Police Chiefs reports that the bill will not significantly impact local law enforcement's operations.
- The Department of Children's Services reports that the bill will not significantly impact the operations of child protective services or its investigators.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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