

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 41 - SB 610**

February 13, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Repeals a judge's discretion to release someone arrested for stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated stalking relative to domestic abuse before the 12-hour minimum confinement.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, someone arrested for stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated stalking relative to domestic abuse must be confined for 12 hours if a judge finds that the offender is a threat to the victim. A judge may also release an offender before the 12-hour confinement is complete if a judge finds that sufficient time has passed to protect the victim.
- The bill repeals this discretion and requires all persons arrested for stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated stalking relative to domestic abuse to be confined for 12 hours.
- It is assumed that most offenders spend the entire 12 hours in confinement and that any increase in confinement is not significant.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact the courts.

**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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