

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1666 - SB 2282**

January 30, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Broadens the offense of harassment, a Class A misdemeanor, if including threats of dissemination of an image of a person for no legitimate purpose and without the person's consent for the purpose of alarming, annoying, or embarrassing the person; retaliating against the person for any reason; or obtaining monetary payment from the person or any other personal gain or advantage.

Provides definitions for "communicates", "communications service provider", "property", and "social media".

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Harassment is a Class A misdemeanor unless committed by an incarcerated individual against the victim of his or her crime, in which case it is a Class E felony. Only the misdemeanor harassment offense is being broadened, as the felony offense requires the communication to be in person.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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