

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2504 - SB 2420**

February 20, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a child in a juvenile detention facility, including youth development centers, from being placed in solitary confinement, unless the child is adjudicated delinquent and presents a serious security risk or an imminent threat to the safety of another, in which case the child may be placed in solitary confinement up to 22 hours.

If an administrative hearing is conducted after the initial 22-hour solitary confinement period and the child continues to be found to present a serious security risk or imminent threat to the safety of another, then the child may be ordered to solitary confinement for six additional days, but no more than 22 hours per day.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), their own policy regarding solitary confinement is more stringent than the proposed procedure in the bill. It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact DCS' operations.
- DCS confirms that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.

**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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