

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 74 - HB 64

January 29, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants the Department of Children's Services (DCS) the authority to create a system for reporting safety-related information. Requires the identity of any individual reporting to or participating in the reporting system to: be sealed from inspection by the public or any other entity or individual who is otherwise provided access to DCS's confidential records; not be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil proceeding; and be disclosed only as necessary to carry out the purposes of the reporting system. Any criminal act reported into the system shall be disclosed to law enforcement or the district attorney.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to DCS, the collection, analysis, and filtering of the additional information within the department's present processes will not result in a significant increase to DCS's safety analysts' workloads.
- Current DCS IT staff will modify the department's existing online incident reporting system in order to collect the reported information. This work can be accomplished within existing resources.
- The proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in departmental resources; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

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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