

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 536 - SB 1492

March 18, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requests the Department of Safety (DOS) to conduct a study on the number of motor vehicle accidents reported to the Department in the previous four years that resulted in serious bodily injury or property damage exceeding \$1,000 and involving a malfunctioning airbag or other restraint system component and to submit the results to the Transportation Committees of the General Assembly by February 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006026): Deletes all language after the caption. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue (DOR) to coordinate with original equipment manufacturers (OEM) that have issued a major recall and have requested assistance to contact registrants who may be affected and to provide notice of recall and the availability of repair options. Requires OEM to bear the costs associated with DOR issuing mailings or notifications of a recall.

Authorizes DOR to disclose the personal information of the owner of any vehicle affected by a recall to the OEM. Prohibits the OEM that receives such information from disclosing the information to any person other than the person to whom it relates.

Specifies that the provisions of this legislation are not to be construed to impose liability of any kind on the state, its agencies, or employees.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is estimated that any OEM that requests the assistance of DOR to issue notification of a recall will identify affected vehicles using their specific vehicle identification number (VIN).

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- The current system of the Vehicle Services Division of DOR utilizes VIN classification; therefore, no state systems modification is necessary under the provision of this legislation.
- Any additional work to DOR can be accomplished with existing personnel.
- Under the provisions of this legislation, any OEM that requests assistance is required to bear the costs associated with DOR issuing mailings or notifications of a recall.
- This legislation will not result in a significant increase to state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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