

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 659 - HB 1168

April 10, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Provides that a pregnant mother can be prosecuted for assaultive offenses if the child is born addicted to or harmed by the woman's illegal use of narcotic drugs, or for criminal homicide if the child dies as a result of the woman's illegal use of narcotic drugs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007255): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly possess a child-like sex doll. Creates a Class E felony offense for a person to knowingly sell, distribute or transport a child-like sex doll into this state or within this state with the intent to sell or distribute, to be fined, in addition to any other punishment, in an amount not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000. Directs court clerks to collect such fine revenue and to remit it to the Department of Treasury for deposit in the state General Fund. Specifies that such fine revenue credited to the General Fund is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly for the exclusive purposes of funding child advocacy centers, court-appointed, special advocates, and sexual assault centers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor or felony prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal

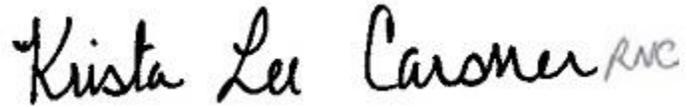
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cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly increase state or local revenue.

- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience an increase in caseloads; therefore, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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