



February 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Removes the condition prohibiting an individual, required to register pursuant to the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification, and Tracking Act of 2004 (SORA), who has been convicted of a sexual offense or violent sexual offense in which the victim was a child under the age of 12 from residing, conducting an overnight visit, or being alone with his or her child.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014475): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Changes the condition prohibiting an individual required to register pursuant to SORA who has been convicted of a sexual offense or violent sexual offense in which the victim was a minor under the age of 12 from residing, conducting an overnight visit, or being alone with his or her child to require a circuit court finding by clear and convincing evidence that the offender presents a danger of substantial harm to the minor. Outlines the process for petitioning the court for any such finding, reconsideration of any finding, and any appeal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any impact to the court system resulting from creating a process by which to find by clear and convincing evidence that an offender presents a danger of substantial harm to the minor under the age of 12 will be accomplished utilizing existing resources.
- Any impact to state incarceration resulting from changing such prohibition 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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