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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a law enforcement officer to notify the Department of Children’s Services (DCS) when a person under 18 years of age is taken into custody for a suspected violation of prostitution.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015214): Deletes and rewrites all language of the original bill such that the only substantive change is specifying that a law enforcement officer is required to notify DCS if they suspect the person to be a human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation victim.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-513(d), if it is determined that a person suspected of or charged with the offense of prostitution is under 18 years of age, that person is immune from prosecution as a juvenile or adult. A law enforcement officer who takes a person under 18 years of age into custody for a suspected violation is required to provide the minor with the telephone number for the Tennessee Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline and release the minor to the custody of a parent or legal guardian or transport the minor to a shelter care facility designated by the juvenile court judge to facilitate the release of the minor to the custody of a parent or legal guardian.
- Requiring law enforcement officers to also notify DCS in these specific situations will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

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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