



June 1, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes, from March 1 to February 15, the date by which the Department of Safety (DOS) is required to submit an annual report to the Speakers and the Chairs of the Judiciary Committees of the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017836): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Changes, from March 1 to February 1, the date by which the DOS is required to submit an annual report on seizures.

Requires the report to additionally include:

- The race, gender, age, and zip code of property owner's residence;
- The number of arrests that occurred after the seizure notice was sent to DOS;
- The total value amount of property forfeited as a result of default;
- The total value of property returned to the property owner and the total value forfeited as a result of a settlement;
- The total value of property returned to the property owner as a result of a disposition by hearing;
- The total number of cases resulting in a criminal conviction of the property owner of seized currency or property;
- The total amount of currency forfeited in criminal conviction of property owner of currency or property;
- The total value of property forfeited in criminal conviction of property owner of currency or property; and
- How the proceeds derived from forfeited assets are used by each individual law enforcement agency.

Requires the report additionally to include the mean and median values and amounts of:

- The currency and property forfeited as a result of default;
- The time for cases from the date opened to the date of settlement and a result of a disposition by hearing;
- The currency and property returned as a result of settlement or a result of a disposition by hearing; and
- The currency and property forfeited in criminal convictions.

Specifies, for the purposes of promulgating rules, policies, forms, and procedures and making necessary provisions for implementation, this legislation takes effect upon becoming a law; for all other purposes, this legislation takes effect October 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increased State Expenditures – Exceeds \$33,800/FY20-21

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-33-216, DOS is required to submit an annual seizure report to the Speakers and the Chairs of the Judiciary Committees of the General Assembly by March 1.
- This legislation requires multiple new sets of demographic information to be collected which DOS has not previously collected. As a result, several information technology systems will require modification.
- Currently, the DOS contracted vendor charges \$225 per hour of programming. It can be reasonably estimated that the required modifications would entail a minimum of 150 hours, resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures estimated to exceed \$33,750 (\$225 x 150) in FY20-21.
- Changing the deadline will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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